

ETONBURY ACADEMY

# BRITISH SCHOOLS MUSEUM

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**A visit to the British Schools Museum offers Year 6 students an immersive journey back in time to experience education during the Victorian era.**

As they step into the historic schoolrooms, the students are greeted by the stern gaze of the schoolmaster or schoolmistress, dressed in authentic period clothes. The museum's meticulously preserved classrooms, complete with wooden benches, chalkboards, and ink wells, provide a stark contrast to the modern learning environments they are accustomed to.

During the visit, the students participate in a re-enacted Victorian lesson, which includes practicing copperplate handwriting and reciting multiplication tables aloud. This hands-on experience highlights the strict discipline and rote learning methods characteristic of the period. The children also explore the gallery of educational artifacts, offering insights into the daily lives of their Victorian counterparts.

The visit finished with a discussion, encouraging the students to reflect on the differences in education since the 19th century and appreciate the value of contemporary teaching methods.

*"Going to the Victorian School Museum was like using a time machine! It was so cool to see what school was like for kids back then and how different things are now."*



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