



"The History of the Textile Industry in the South West brought to life."



Key Stages 3 and 4

INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION WITH MATERIALS & FIBRES

Discover the difference between the cottage industry and the factory system by having a go yourself. Use spinning wheels and handlooms then compare them with the machinery on your tour. See just how low a Victorian child would have to crawl under working machinery, hear the noises of a Victorian factory and discover how the owners Fox Brothers & Co. treated their workers.



BRITAIN SINCE 1930

Use the factory as a case study of industrial life during the 1940s. Discover how production machinery, working hours and employees changed during the Second World War on a tour of the factory. Then meet the air-raid warden who will lead you to the safety of the mill's original surface air-raid shelter when the siren sounds. Suffer an air attack and experience what it must have been like to seek refuge in a dark, damp shelter night after night.



The museum also has a new Home Front and Factory at War exhibition with interpretation panels, images and artefacts illustrating many themes from the 'Home Front'.

Artefacts are available for handling and sketching purposes.

TEXTILE TECHNOLOGY

Coldharbour Mill shows the development of spinning and weaving over the last 200 years. The mill currently spins wool, hemp, alpaca and nylon fibres and produces a variety of woollens and worsted cloths. A visit would cover the following elements of the syllabus:

- Types, properties and structures of different yarns and cloth from traditional cloths once made by Fox Brothers & Co. to modern cloths produced today at the mill.
- Differences between woollens and worsteds and the production processes involved.
- Cloth production as a business, including costs and target markets.



Gifted & Talented Art Course

This course offers students the opportunity to learn art and design skills through the creation of their own textile piece. Students will plan their own designs taking inspiration from patterns, shape and colour from the mill buildings, machinery and environment and weave them at the mill.

Educational Programmes Start From

£2.75

Please contact the mill for further information about prices and modules.