

**From Spring 2024 the JORVIK Viking Centre in York, UK is collaborating with Viborg Museum to pilot some exciting new digital outreach opportunities for schools.**

JORVIK Viking Centre is a museum run by York Archaeology who, for the past fifty years, have carried out archaeological excavation, research and museum presentation in York and across the UK. The Coppergate excavations in York between 1976 and 1981 are world-famous for producing a well-preserved collection of artefacts and building remains from the 9th, 10th and 11th centuries, a time when Vikings settled in York and controlled a kingdom in the north of England.

JORVIK's Learning department has over a decade of experience in presenting engaging digital history lessons for schools via videoconferencing. These Virtual Outreach sessions allow schools who cannot visit York in person to access JORVIK's unique archaeological collections and to bring their history studies to life with living-history-themed Viking content.

In addition, JORVIK regularly produces video content and learning materials for schools to link to the annual city-wide JORVIK Viking Festival, making these available free of charge to students in any part of the world.



## 2024 Pilot Project

Both York and Viborg share a fascinating Viking-age past that has been revealed through archaeological discoveries. Together, we want to help schools engage with this shared period of history through new online learning activities.

We are seeking five classes to test some new digital learning sessions.

### The program will comprise:

- A short introductory video from the JORVIK galleries to watch in class.
- A live 30-minute Virtual Outreach video call with one of JORVIK's Learning team, arranged by appointment.
- Written materials and worksheets to complete in class before and after the video call.

### By taking part in this program, school pupils will gain:

- An inspiring cultural encounter with an internationally renowned UK museum.
- An understanding of the value of archaeology for learning about the past.
- Knowledge of the Viking invasion and settlement of Britain, and the continuing links between Britain and Scandinavia during this period, with York as a case study.
- Skills in analyzing and interpreting Viking-age artefacts.
- Opportunities to practice their English language skills by speaking and listening during the video call.

All you will need to take part with your students is an internet connection, webcam and microphone and be able access Zoom for the live video call (*if you would like to take part but are unable to access Zoom please get in touch*).

You will also need to join a short test call at 4pm on a weekday of your choosing with JORVIK's Learning team to check your connection.

Afterwards, we will ask you to fill out a digital questionnaire as evaluation, but otherwise the program is free of charge.

We're looking forward to hearing from you!



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