

# Put your Students in the Dock!

**An unique opportunity to recreate real trials from the 1850s in the actual courts they were first tried.**

A one day workshop for Secondary students at the old Warwick Crown Courts.



Your students will not only have access to the old Warwick Crown Courts, (including the cells, Judges' House and 17th century dungeon space) but they will also have the opportunity to explore documents from some actual cases before recreating the trial for themselves.



The day starts with a tour around this amazing building, including the Victorian courts, the more modern cells and the 17<sup>th</sup> century dungeon. Your school will then be split into two groups to look at different cases taken from Quarter Session records held by the County Record Office.



For each case the pupils will look at full details of each of the crimes including the evidence taken from original depositions from the witnesses and the defendants at the time of the trials.



Once the cases have been researched your pupils will be given roles to play for the re-enactments of the cases at trial. There is a role for everyone, including judges, jury, prosecution and defendants as well as a court artist and press reporters.



Not only will your students experience an amazing building and explore original historical documents, they also get to learn about how the penal system of the past differs from justice process today.

Drawing by Luke Dawes (Trinity Catholic School) who was the Court Artist at a recent trial.

**This unique experience is available to schools for just £4.00 per student (minimum charge £120.00). We can accommodate up to 100 students per session.**

**The workshop runs from 9.45am to 2.15pm**

To book call Heritage Education, 01926 412069 or 412034 or email [heritageeducation@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:heritageeducation@warwickshire.gov.uk)

**Check out what the teachers and students from Trinity Catholic School thought about this session**

#### **Some comments from the Students -**

“It was a fun and interesting experience and something we could not usually do”

“I hope other schools get to go as it was really good”

“It was different because we were more independent”

“It was better than just pretending to be there... I enjoyed being in a real court room with cases that actually happened”

#### **Some comments from the Teachers -**

“I feel that they really learnt a lot about the court system and process including the different roles”

“The fact that they got to re-enact the court case especially with the setting (made it different and special)”

“The students were interested in the conditions and real life stories of people”

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