



## Changing Britain; life in Juteopolis

### Level 3, 4 & Senior phase

#### Tour 2.5 hours

Dundee's population doubled between 1831 and 1861, to 91,664. With thousands of textile workers coming into the city, especially from Ireland, Dundee's population had risen to 120,724 by 1871.

In this specially adapted social history session, we'll tour the mill and explore the reasons for overcrowding, poor quality housing and subsequent medical problems in Dundee.

Looking at our Boulton and Watt steam engine, we'll examine the impact of technology and legislation on textile factories. This will include the effect of the factory acts and how this changed working conditions.

#### Learning outcomes:

By attending this session, pupils will explore the following:

- How raw jute from a plant is turned into cloth via a number of scientific processes and how machinery during the Industrial Revolution utilised technological advances to mass produce jute.
- The role that individuals played in the development of the jute industry in Dundee
- The dangerous working conditions in Victorian mills, and the jobs that mill workers - including very young children - had to do.
- About the living conditions, diet, education and leisure pursuits of mill workers in Dundee
- The role of Verdant Works, and the mills of Dundee, in the Industrial Revolution
- How the jute industry in Dundee has formed the city as we know it today

#### History:

National 5 Changing Britain, 1760- 1900

#### People, past events and societies

SOC 4-04a, SOC 4-05a, SOC 4-05b, SOC 4-05c, SOC 4-06d