

War on the Wards

Explore medical gore and more from the First World War. Investigate the history of wartime medicine and innovation and how this has influenced medicine today. Take on the wrap battle challenge and discover how much medicine has changed on the frontline since World War One.

Running time: 50 - 60 minutes

Maximum group size: 70 on site
120 in schools

Suitable for: Year 5 – Year 9



The show contains sections on the following:

1. Nursing in WW1
2. Developments in blood transfusion
3. Gas attacks and gas masks
4. Medical dressings and bandages
5. Prosthetic limbs

Key stage 2 Science curriculum links

Animals, including humans:

Year 6

- identify and name the main parts of the human circulatory system, and describe the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood

Properties and changes of materials

Year 5

- use knowledge of solids, liquids and gases to decide how mixtures might be separated, including through filtering, sieving and evaporating

Key stage 2 History curriculum links

- changes in an aspect of social history
- a study of an aspect of history or a site dating from a period beyond 1066 that is significant in the locality



Key stage 3 Science curriculum links

Gas exchange systems:

- the structure and functions of the gas exchange system in humans, including adaptations to function

Key stage 3 History curriculum links

- challenges for Britain, Europe and the wider world 1901 to the present day
 - the First World War and the Peace Settlement
 - social, cultural and technological change in post-war British society
- changes in an aspect of social history
- the study of an aspect or theme in British history that consolidates and extends pupils' chronological knowledge

