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Visual Story

**A trip to National
Museum Cardiff**



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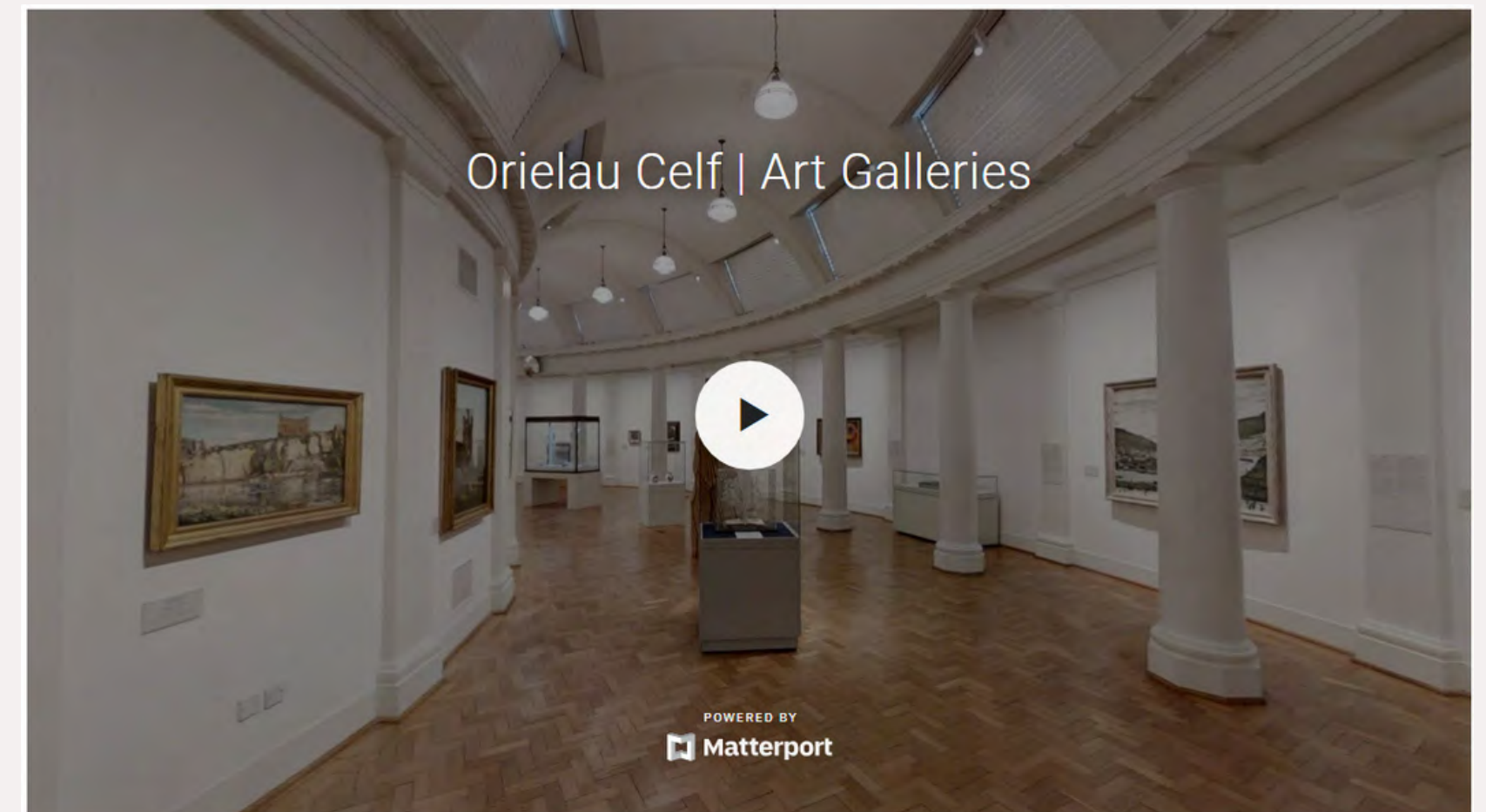
This is a visual guide for educational groups preparing to visit.

It includes useful information for all learners including those with additional needs.

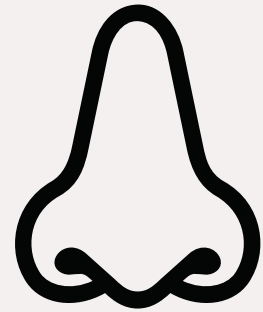


The Museum

You can explore the galleries online before your visit if you wish.



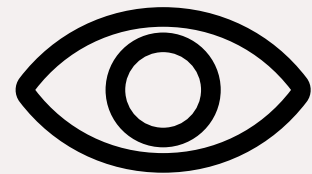
Symbols used in this guide



This symbol shows when a place has strong smells.



This symbol shows when a place is noisy.



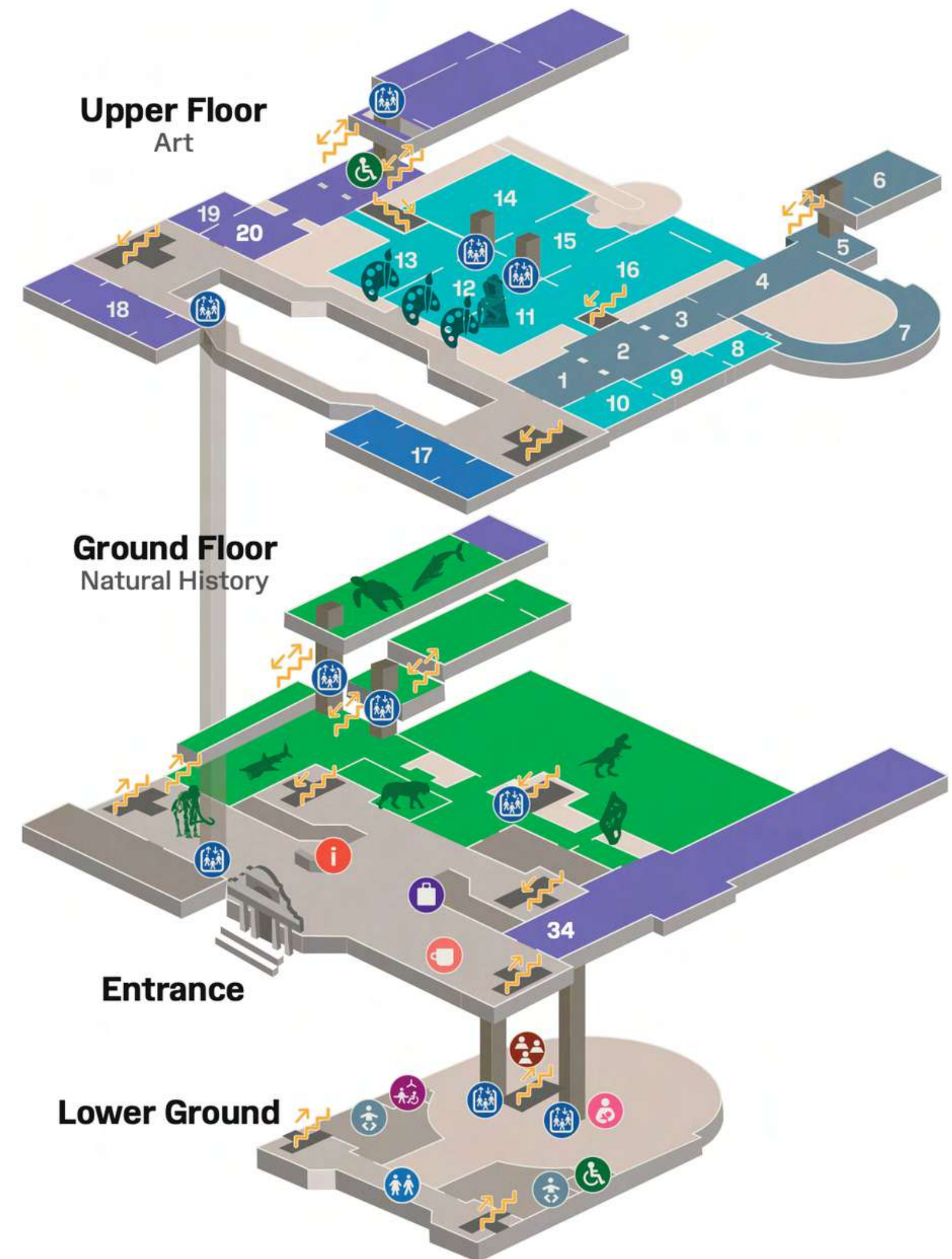
This symbol shows when a place has a change in lighting.



This symbol is used to highlight areas where you can touch objects.

Map

You can download
the map [here](#).



If you arrive by coach

Your coach can park outside the front of the museum.

Your group leader will have a timetable. Check where you are going - before heading off.



Getting into the museum



This is the front of the museum

There are lots of steps leading up to the front door



You can also use the ramp to get to the front door

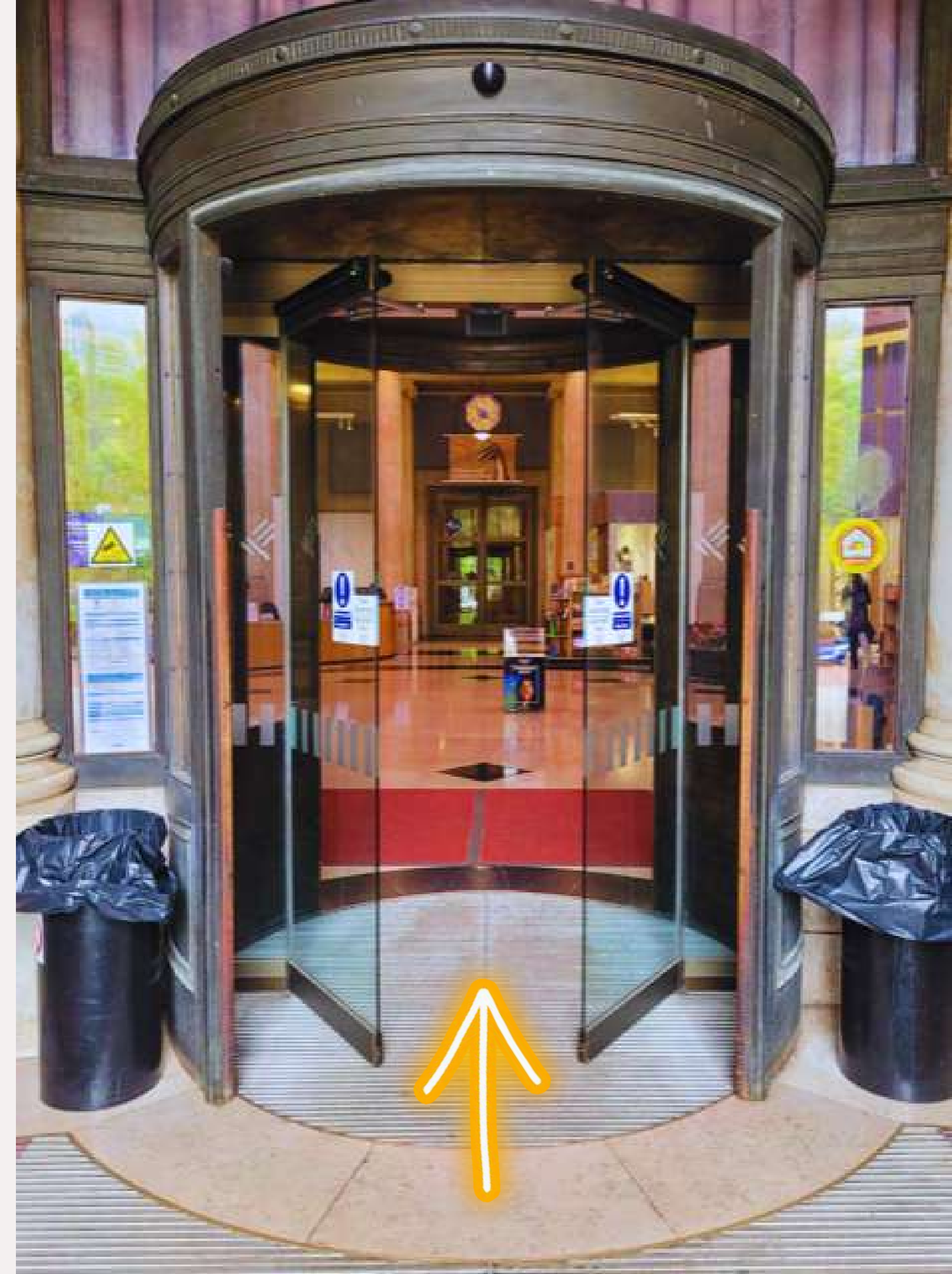


When you get to the Museum



This is the front of the museum.

There are automatic doors so they
can open suddenly.



People you will meet

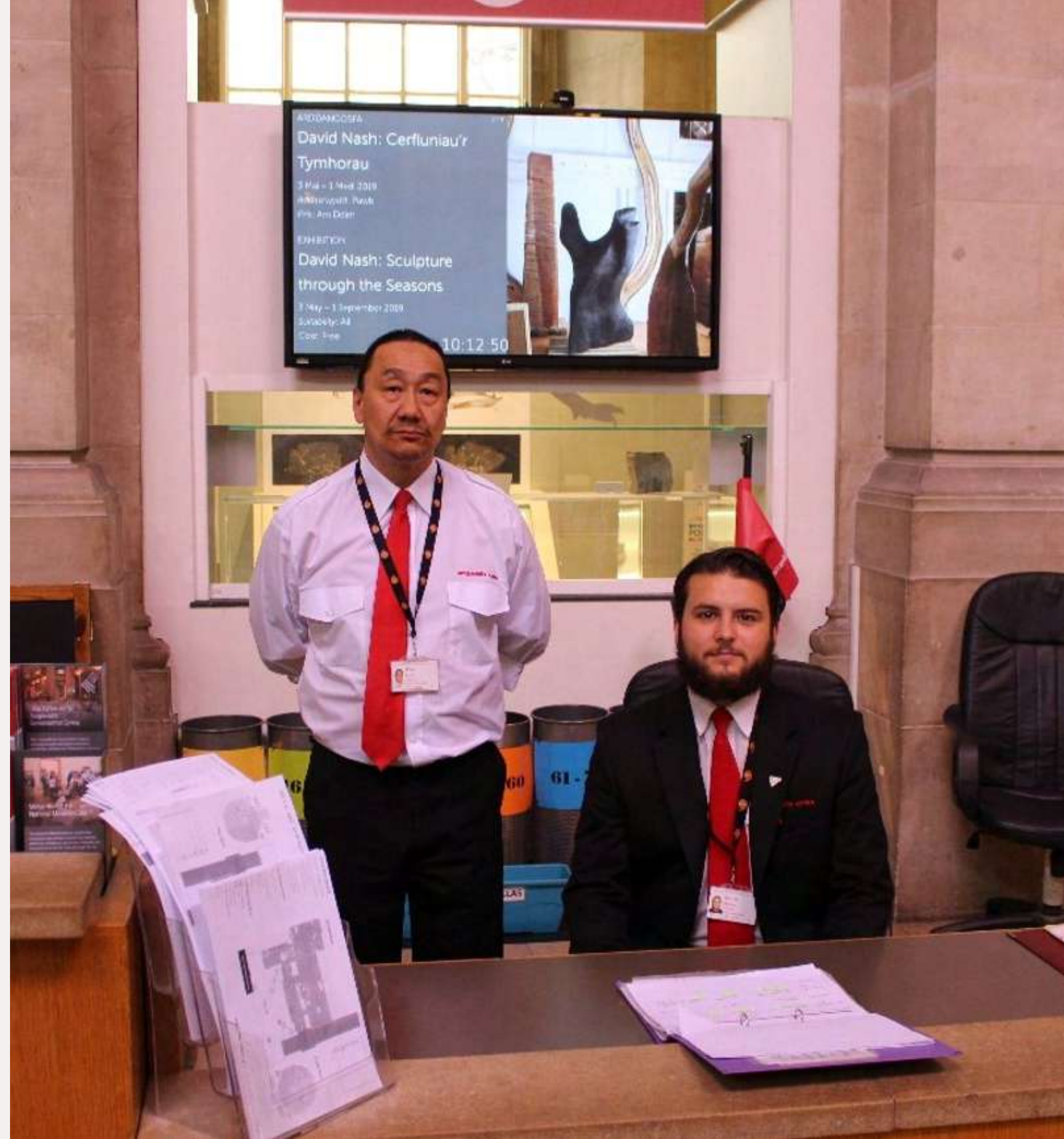
Most of the museum staff you will see are called Visitor Experience Assistants (VEAs).

They usually wear black uniforms with turquoise text and illustrations.

VEAs work on these information desks in the Main Hall.

Different VEAs work here every day.

You will also see staff who work in the shop, restaurant and coffee shop.

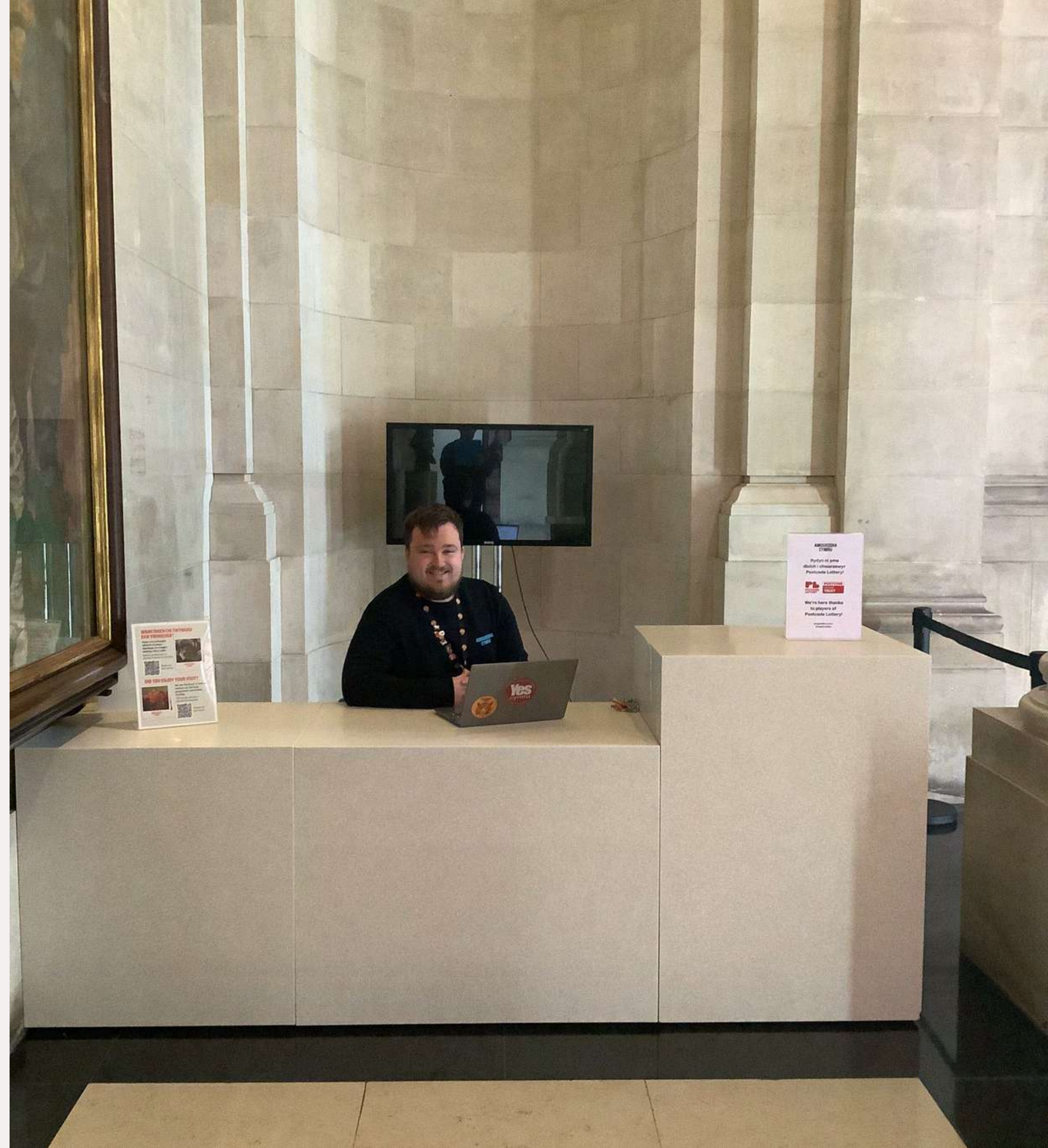


The Schools Desk

Schools and other educational groups must sign in at the Schools Desk.

Here you will be welcomed by one of our team. They will help you settle in and get the most out of your visit.

The desk is to the left of the entrance, next to the mammoth skeleton.

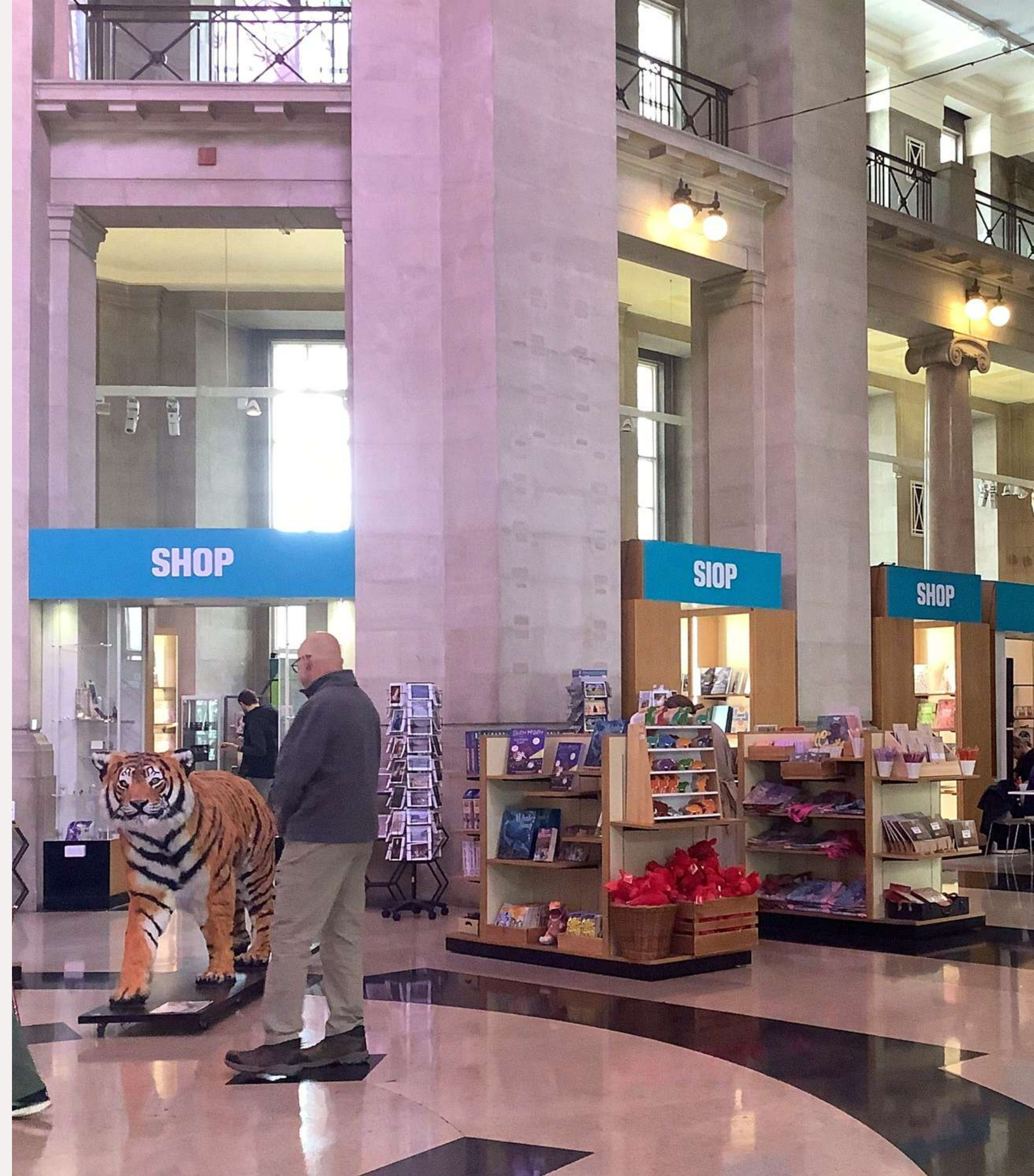


Gift shop

The gift shop is also in the Main Hall.

You can purchase items that are sold in the gift shop.

Sometimes the shop can get busy and crowded.



Lockers for groups

Coats and bags can be stored in these locked cupboards.



You can get to these cupboards by walking down this short spiral staircase.



You can also get to these cupboards by using a lift.

Museum staff will show you how to do this.



Lockers for individuals

Coats and bags can be stored in these lockers.

A coin is required to lock them and you get this back after use.

These are near the toilets on Level 1.

Ask Museum staff if you need any help.



Lifts

There are several different lifts in the museum.

They can take you to the upper floors and down to the toilets on the lower floor.

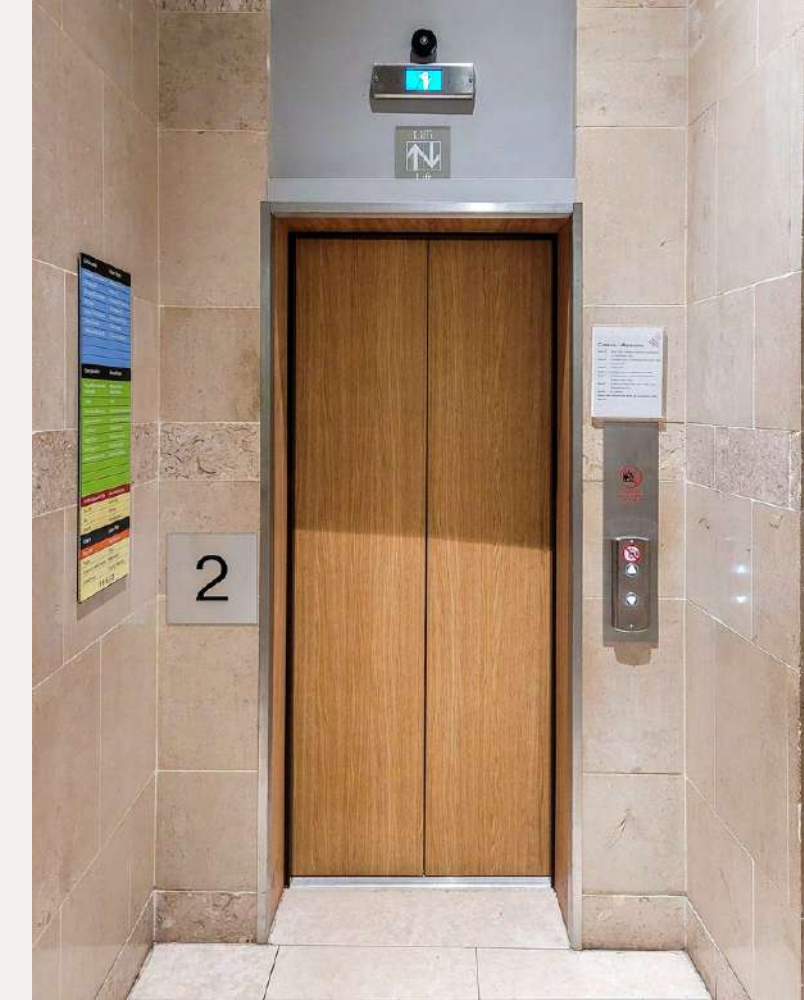
Level 1: Toilets, Sandwich Room

Level 2: Ground floor

Level 3: Upper Natural History

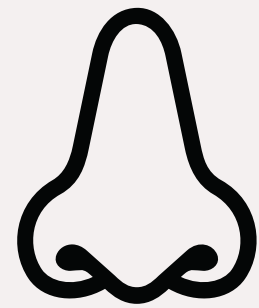
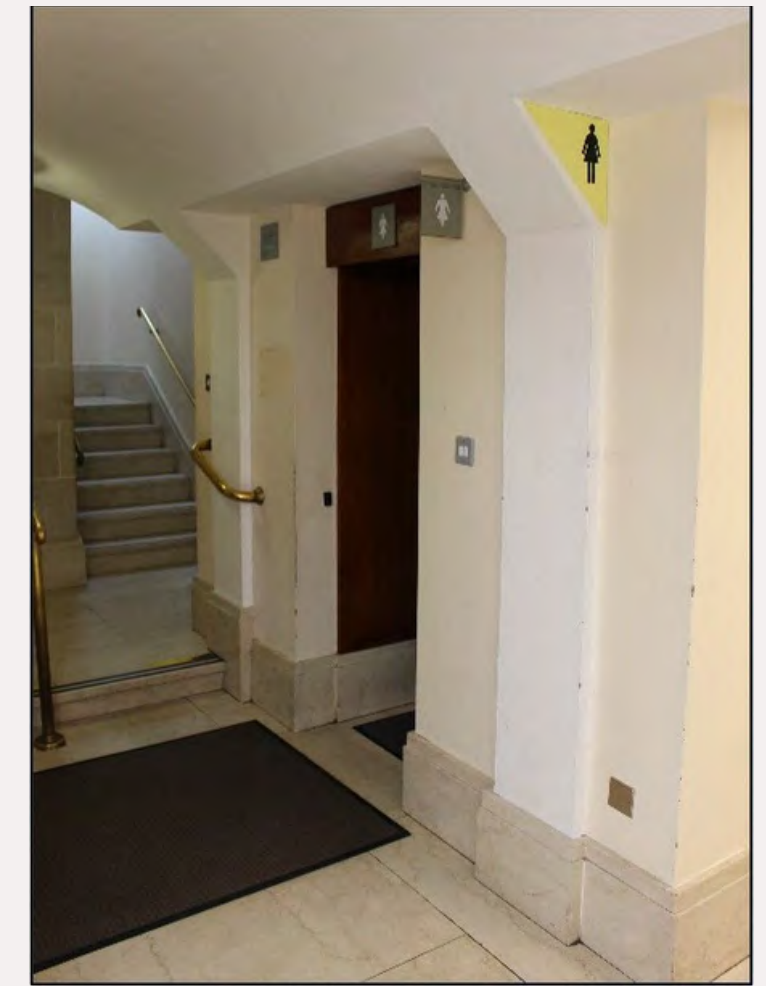
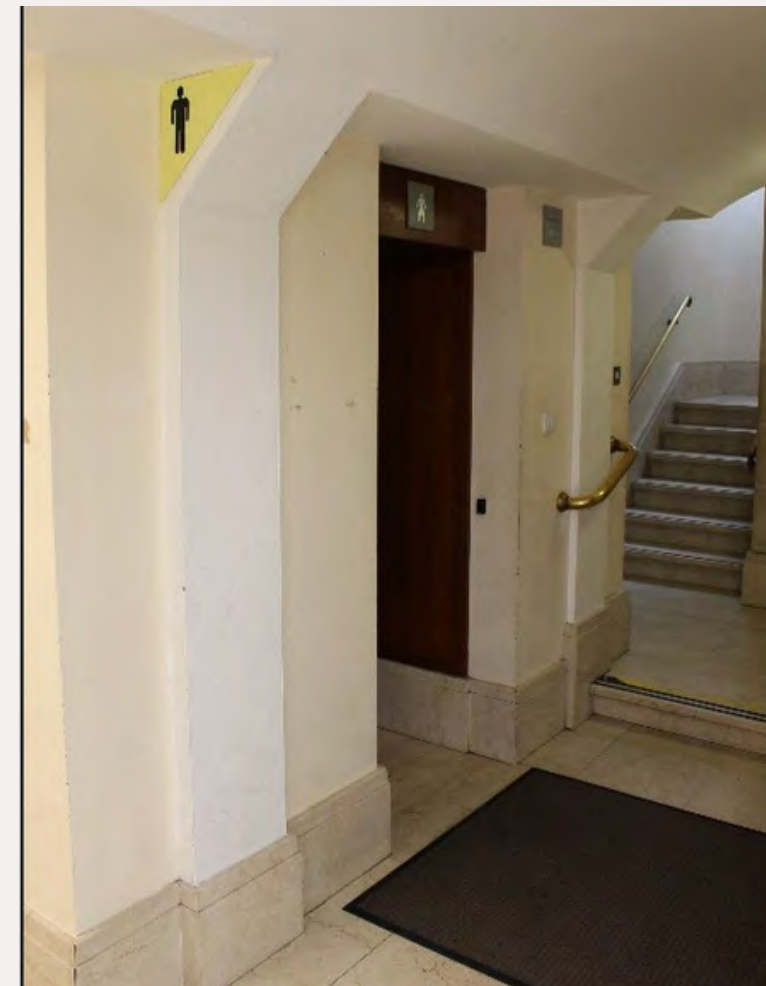
Level 4: Art Galleries

Level 5: Upper Art Galleries



Toilets

The top photographs show the toilets on the Lower Floor.



The bottom left photograph shows the 'Changing Places' toilet on the Lower Floor. This toilet has a hoist.



The bottom right photograph shows the toilet in the Contemporary Art Gallery 21.



Things you can touch



There are lots of things in the museum that are just for looking at.

There are some things that you can touch. Please ask a member of staff before you touch anything.

Sounds and video



There are lots of screens showing short videos around the museum.



Some of them might look like your television at home but some might be really big and on the walls.

Some will switch on suddenly, especially in the Big Bang section of the Evolution of Wales galleries.

You will need to press a button for others to work.

Light and dark places

There are changes in lighting in the Evolution of Wales gallery

The Contemporary Art gallery is very light but sometimes there are cinema areas which are very dark



Workshops - Age 3-7



Sounds of the Dinosaurs



My First Art Gallery Visit



**Museum Detectives in the
Clare Discovery Centre**

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Workshops

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information on the full
Learning Programme at
National Museum Cardiff.

MORE INFORMATION ON OUR WEBSITE



Foyle Art Space



The Foyle Art Space is off the art gallery on Level 5

It is a pre-booked learning space for schools, families and community groups.



Galleries on the upper floors



The contemporary art galleries



The Post-Impressionism galleries

Virtual visits

Would it be useful to book a virtual visit before you visit the Museum?

Connect your class with Amgueddfa Cymru - National Museum Wales for a free live interactive workshop.

The workshops cover areas of the curriculum including: Humanities, Expressive Arts and Science and Technology.

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If we need to leave the building quickly

If you hear a loud siren noise and a dull boom sound:

That means we need to leave the building quickly and calmly.

The museum staff will find you and will show you where to go.

Do not use the lifts.

Do not go back inside unless a person who works at the museum tells you that it is safe to go back inside.

