Watt’s Friends

The Lunar Society were a group of friends who met at Soho House, the home of James Watt’s business partner Matthew Boulton. These men met on days when there was a full moon so they had enough light to travel home after a full dinner and this is why they are called the Lunar Society!

Joining Boulton and Watt at these meetings were some of the greatest minds in the 18th century. They discussed science, the arts, philosophy, business and new discoveries.

Using the resources below as a starting point find out about the Lunar Men and their achievements:

- https://www.lunarsociety.org.uk/lunar-men-an-introduction/
- https://www.lunarsociety.org.uk/orignal-lunar-men/
- https://www.npg.org.uk/collections/search/group/1188
- The Lunar Men: The Friends Who Made the Future 1730-1810 - Book by Jenny Uglow

Activity ideas

An assembly / Display project / Drama or role play based on a Lunar Society meeting