








Battle of Britain - teacher visit guide

You can find plenty of information about the Battle of Britain around the Museum. Below are a few facts to get your students started (the symbols next to each fact relate to the map overleaf.)

Did you know

- Hitler's plan to invade Britain was codenamed Operation Sealion 
- The Battle of Britain happened in five phases 
- The hardest-fought day was actually on Sunday 18 August, not 15 September which is when we commemorate the Battle 
- The Battle of Britain pilots came from many different countries 
- Radar was vitally important during the Battle of Britain 
- Air Chief Marshal Sir Hugh Dowding played a very important part in the Battle. 

For more facts and further information, have a look around the exhibition panels in Hangars 3,4,5.

You may also want to watch the film 'Our Finest Hour'  which gives a general overview of the events of the Battle of Britain. However, if you have booked a 'Battle of Britain: 80th Anniversary' workshop then you will see the film as part of your session.

There is lots more information on our website – go to the 'Research' tab and choose 'Online exhibitions':

<https://www.rafmuseum.org.uk/research/online-exhibitions/history-of-the-battle-of-britain.aspx>

We have several aircraft here at the Museum which help to tell the story of the Battle of Britain. The map below highlights where these aircraft are in Hangars 3,4,5.



▲ Bomber aircraft (Blenheim, Heinkel 111, Stuka)

▲ Fighter aircraft (Spitfire, Hurricane, Messerschmitt 109, Fiat CR42)