## 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.

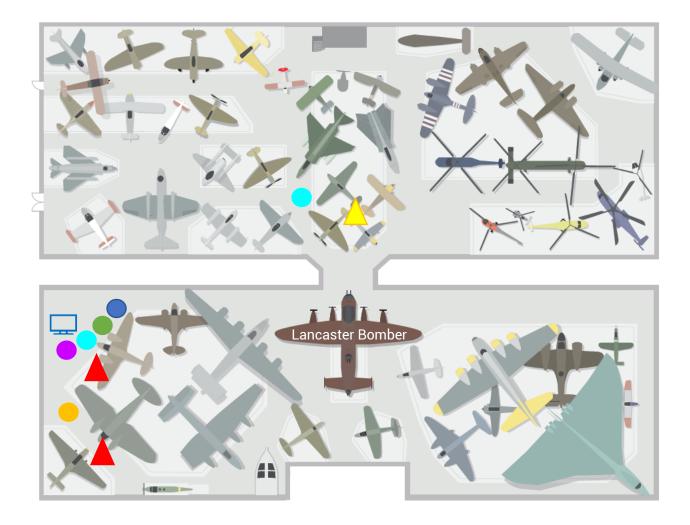
You may also want to watch the film 'Our Finest Hour' which gives a general overview of the events of the Battle of Britain. However, if you have booked a 'Battle of Britain: 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary' workshop then you will see the film as part of your session.

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-ofbritain.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)