

8th February 2013

Model Half Term Fun - Quick as Lightning

18th to 22nd February 2013

11am to 3.00pm

£3.00 per person

This February Half Term, the Royal Air Force Museum Cosford is inviting families to celebrate one of the great jets of English aviation by participating in a fun model making activity. Taking place from Monday 18th to Friday 22nd February, each visitor will have the opportunity to build their own Airfix 1:72 Lightning, amongst the real aircraft of the Museum.

Modelling sessions will take place alongside the famous Airfix 1:1 scale model Spitfire built by TV presenter James May, as part of his quest to successfully boost the popularity of the hobby amongst the younger generations. You don't have to be a skilled modeller to take part as staff will be present at all times to lend a hand and to help visitors get the most from their model making.

If you need a little inspiration on how to paint your own model Lightning, why not take a look at the real Lightning, suspended from the ceiling of the Museum's award winning National Cold War Exhibition. This supersonic jet fighter of the Cold War era was famous for its great speed and ability to climb to high altitudes quickly. Your Airfix model replica will be the perfect memento of a visit well spent.

RAF Museum Cosford Events Executive, Nina Mitchell says:

"We are delighted to invite families to join us in this activity once again. Following a very successful week last year, we hope that this year will be as much fun with children discovering the world of model making"

Model making sessions will be take place in the Museum's Hangar 1 from 11:00am to 3:00pm each day. Participation is a very affordable £3.00 per person with all materials including kit, glue, paints and brushes will be provided by the Museum. Tickets are available on the day from the Admissions Desk. Please note, however, that all children wishing to participate in this experience will have to be accompanied by a responsible adult and that children under 8 may need additional assistance from the adult accompanying them.

The Royal Air Force Museum Cosford is open daily from 10am. Entry to the Museum is FREE. Throughout the year there is a wide range of exciting events taking place at the Museum. For further information on this and other events scheduled for 2013, please contact the Museum on 01902 376200 or visit www.rafmuseum.org

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Notes to Editors:

- Royal Air Force Museum Cosford, Shifnal, Shropshire, TF11 8UP
- Open daily from 10am

- Admission to the Royal Air Force Museum is free of charge.
- RAF Museum Cosford images & logo available at:
<http://www.rafmuseum.org.uk/research/media-vault.aspx>
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