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## It's a summer of secret spies and sports at Cosford

**Spy Trail:** 1-31 August / FREE

**RAF Sports:** 17 August / 10.30am to 5.00pm / FREE

**Secret Spy School:** 10, 24 and 31 August / 11am to 3pm / £2 per child

**School may be officially out for summer, but the Secret Spy School is just about to start at the Royal Air Force Museum Cosford. Everyday throughout August youngsters visiting the museum can take part in a spy trail around the museum's National Cold War Exhibition and on selected dates can participate in spy school sessions, suitable for all secret agents in the making.**

The trail will guide young detectives around the National Cold War Exhibition, where they will need to search the hangar to find all the answers hidden amongst the aircraft and exhibits on display. They must make a note of the answers on their trail sheet and then decipher the code to reveal the name of the secret spy. Correct trail entries will be entered into a draw and five lucky winners will receive a £20 gift voucher to spend in the Museum Shop.

After completing the spy trail, youngsters are well on their way to becoming a secret spy, but the training wouldn't be complete without going to Secret Spy School. During spy school sessions, participants will be given their very own secret spy activity pack which includes all the materials needed to become a top agent. They will discover their secret agent code name, learn how to record finger prints, create a disguise mask, write secret messages using invisible ink and finally, master how to encrypt messages using a cypher wheel so they can pass secret messages to other spies. These drop-in sessions cost £2 per child and will run on Wednesday 10, 24 and 31 August and families can just turn up on the day and take part (recommended for children aged 5 and above).

On Wednesday 17 August, visitors will be treated to an RAF sports day, run by the School of Physical Training at RAF Cosford. The sessions will be run by RAF personnel who have themselves competed at the highest level including the Olympics, Winter Olympics and the Commonwealth Games. With the Rio Olympics just around the corner, families can participate in a variety of sports including: football, athletics, lacrosse, archery, judo, netball, badminton and volleyball, to name but a few of the sports on offer. In each activity - families will receive an introduction to the sport, as well as learn about the skills required and the rules of the game, before having a go themselves. The RAF sports day is free of charge, however numbers to some of the sports sessions are limited; places can be booked in advance from 10 August onwards via the museum's website [www.rafmuseum.org/cosford](http://www.rafmuseum.org/cosford).

There is plenty for the whole family to enjoy at the museum this summer, including getting a taste of the action in the 4D Experience as you take-off with the Red Arrows on the new ride! If you have ever wondered what it feels like to be a Red Arrows Pilot in the centre of a precision aerial display, wonder no more. You can now experience all the thrills and exhilaration of being in the cockpit of a Red Arrows Hawk Jet by entering the museum's 4D Experience. Combining high-definition 3D video with the added dimension of dynamic seating and special environmental effects, you will be transported directly into the middle of the

action as you take directions from Red 1, the leader of the Red Arrows Team, and execute a series of precise aerobatic manoeuvres at lightning fast speeds. Each flight lasts around six minutes and costs £5 for a single person or £16 for a family ticket (4 people). Tickets can be purchased on arrival in the Visitor Centre or at the 4D Experience itself. So why not discover whether you have what it takes to become a Red Arrow Pilot at your next visit?

The RAF Museum Cosford is a day out that everyone from small children upwards will enjoy whatever the weather. With plenty of secret spy and sporting fun on offer, in addition to the unique aircraft on display which includes the world's oldest Spitfire, the mighty Vulcan bomber and the unique TSR2 to name but a few, there is something at the RAF Museum for visitors of all ages to enjoy!

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