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# Step Back in Time this Half Term!

14 – 22 February 2009

**If you have ever wondered whether TV accounts of strict teachers, no talking in class and struggling with mental arithmetic classes where a pound equaled 240 pennies (!) or twenty shillings (?) whilst bombs rained down from the skies above were just stories, this half term is your opportunity to find out the truth and make up your own mind whether you would have liked to have been taught during World War II.**

The Royal Air Force Museum Cosford will be opening up its Wartime Classroom to the public providing families with the rare opportunity to “enjoy” a 1939 class sitting at old wooden class desks whilst answering to the strict old fashioned teacher.

Children and adults alike will make their own gas mask case (limited stocks available) and write with a dip pen using old fashioned pens and inkwells – a lot harder than it sounds, because one blot and it will be back of the class for the unfortunate mess maker! Parents can test their knowledge and help children do pounds, shilling and pence arithmetic and fill in a replica evacuee label and identity card. But take care, as at any time we may have to evacuate the class quickly in an orderly fashion and make it down to the Anderson Shelter to escape a day time bombing raid.

This interactive activity is suitable for children of school age; all children should be accompanied by an adult. All taking part will need to buy a ticket; it is not possible for adults to “just watch”. Tickets are available from the Admissions desk on arrival priced £2.00 each.

Sessions are at 11:00 and 15:00 each day and last approximately 1 hour. All that we ask is that you report to the Wartime Classroom, located at the bottom of the site, 10 minutes before each session to avoid disappointment. It will be clearly sign posted.

And if facing down our fierce teacher gives you an appetite for all things wartime the Museum restaurant will be cooking up some delicious 1940s favourites including corned beef hash at our Aviator Restaurant between 12pm - 2.30pm.

For further information or to pre-book your place, please contact the Museum Events Coordinator on 01902 376252 or visit [www.rafmuseum.org](http://www.rafmuseum.org). The Museum is open from 10am – 6pm. Entry to the rest of the Museum site is FREE. Parking is also FREE.

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## Notes To Editors:

- Royal Air Force Museum Cosford, Shifnal, Shropshire, TF11 8UP

- Open daily between 10am – 6pm (Last admission 5pm)
- FREE admission and parking
- For further information and all media enquiries please contact Karen Crick on 01902 376208 or [karen.crick@rafmuseum.org](mailto:karen.crick@rafmuseum.org)