



Aerial Warfare in World War I: School Activity Pack

Introduction

This activity pack has been created following the temporary installation of an exhibition at Bentley Priory Museum between July – November 2017.

The exhibition, entitled **Dowding and WWI: The Making of a Commander**, explored the World War I experiences of Royal Flying Corps (RFC) pilot Hugh Dowding, and how these experiences impacted his leadership and convictions during the Battle of Britain when he was Commander-in-Chief of Fighter Command at RAF Bentley Priory.

In addition to exploring the personal side of Hugh Dowding's time in the RFC, the exhibition also explored the development of aerial warfare in World War I.

This activity pack develops the theme of aerial warfare in World War I with some classroom based activities.

Learning Objectives:

- To enhance students' understanding of World War I.
- To engage students with heritage themes of aviation and communications.

Pack Content:

- Introduction to Activity Pack
- World War I Timeline
- Aerial Warfare in World War I
- ACTIVITY – Code Breaking
- ACTIVITY – Morse Code Messaging
- ACTIVITY – Aerial Reconnaissance (Powerpoint)
- ACTIVITY – Craft activity: build a biplane.

If you are studying Remembrance as part of your WWI topic, you may be interested to know that we offer FREE Remembrance Assemblies. For more information, please email Niki Goorney – engagementofficer@bentleypriorymuseum.org.uk.

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