

Do You Want To Know about The Battle Of Britain?

On Tuesday 20 October, HB14 and HB15 went to the Duxford War Museum. When we arrived there, the site was amazing. We went there to learn about the Battle of Britain.

After we had a long walk, we entered teaching room 6. When we all sat down, a lady called Alison took over. The lady was an expert on the Battle of Britain. We were taught a lot about the Battle of Britain that I did not know.

Once the talk had finished, we went to hangar 4. At hangar 4, we learnt about all the planes, such as: Hurricanes, Spitfires, Messerschmitts plus equipment – eg: search lights, barrage balloons and anti-aircraft guns.

The anti-aircraft guns were not so useful as they could not easily shoot down planes, but the British army just kept it so they could put the people's mind at rest. We also learnt facts about Anderson shelters; such as when the air raid siren sounds, you would run to the shelter and stay there until the air raid sirens go off and come on again to tell you that it is clear.

After our lunch, we proceeded to the Operation's room and listened to the recording of the WAAFs talking to the pilots and the observers. I'm going to tell you a fact... that pilots had no choice – either they had their gloves on and they could not use the controls properly or have their gloves off and their hands would get frost bite. I learnt that one of the tests if you wanted to join the army as a WAAF would be to multi-tasking like knitting and talking at the same time.

The visit to Duxford Imperial War Museum was amazing because the learning was really fun and I actually learnt some 'bomb blasting' facts, like the Blitz lasted 9 months and killed 43,000 civilians. I am so grateful to the servicemen and women who made this country strong.

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