




Venue: Cranwell Aviation Heritage Centre			Map/directions	
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	Website	<a href="http://www.cranwellaviation.co.uk">www.cranwellaviation.co.uk</a>		
Historical context	The Royal Air Force College opened in 1920 and was the first military Air Academy in the world. Since then, many of the RAF's most famous pilots have graduated from here			
Description of site/visitor attractions	The Centre tells the story of RAF Cranwell from early days as a balloon base to the present day. It houses an Exhibition Centre and has a Flight deck simulation			
Description of onsite activities	Jet Provost in the Courtyard and the several interactive exhibits where children can test their aviation skills. Using a simulator they can practise landing an aircraft and they can also test their navigation skills. 'Lighter than air' and 'Take Flight' workshops available			
Resources available	Venue resources <a href="http://www.ahleducation.org.uk/venues_cranwell.html">http://www.ahleducation.org.uk/venues_cranwell.html</a>			
			Y/ N	Details
Seasonal opening hours	<b>1</b> Apr - <b>31</b> October <b>1</b> Nov - <b>31</b> March	Pre-visit opportunities available for teachers		
Daily opening hours	10.00-4.30 <b>Apr-Oct</b> 10.00-4.00 (Sat/Sun <b>only Nov-Mar</b> )**	Toilet facilities	Y	<b>Wheelchair accessible</b>
Suggested visit length	2 hrs	Designated workroom available for group use	N	
Max recommended Group size	30	Covered area for lunch	Y	Exhibition Hall can be used ( <b>but no dedicated area</b> )
Age suitability	KS1 KS2 KS3	Staff Guide available		
Recommended supervision ratio	<b>KS1</b> 1:8 <b>KS2</b> 1:10 <b>KS3</b> 1:15 *	Risk Assessments available	Y	Generic – schools annotate to meet the needs of their group
	**Weekday School visits by arrangement	Designated drop off point available		
		Parking	Y	Coach parking at the rear
		Cafe/shop facilities	Y	Shop and light refreshments
		Access for wheelchairs	Y	Wheelchair available. Access to all areas ( <b>gravelled courtyard</b> )
		Admission payable	N	Donations welcome
		First Aid available		
		Fire risk assessment	Y	
*Recommended <u>minimum</u> ratios (adult:children) for Category A Educational Visits. (Lincolnshire County Council Educational Visits Policy and Guidance Document)		Public liability insurance	Y	
		Proof of identity needed	N	