

### Kurzbeschreibung zur Information der Schüler in der Jgst. 10

Lehrkraft: C.Miller

Leitfächer: Geschichte und Englisch

Thema: Living through *the Blitz*

Zielsetzung des Seminars

„Living through the Blitz“ ist ein fächerübergreifendes W-Seminar, das sich mit dem Leben und Überleben der britischen Bevölkerung während des Zweiten Weltkriegs beschäftigt.

After the defeat of the French Republic in June 1940, the only remaining country to fight Nazi-Germany was the United Kingdom alongside its Empire.

The German *Luftwaffe* started bombing British territory – coastal towns, military installations and London in particular – in September 1940. This was the beginning of the so called *Battle of Britain*, also known as *the Blitz*. The air raids continued until May 1941 causing massive destruction and the deaths of about 43 000 people.

Trying to survive the raids, the British population showed a great deal of courage and resilience. A complex air raid warning system was set up, which was mainly run by volunteers. During the raids people slept in shelters or down the Underground. After the attacks they cleared up and tried to get on with their lives: Business as usual.

**Die Seminarsitzungen finden abwechselnd in deutscher und englischer Sprache statt. Die Seminararbeit kann wahlweise auf Deutsch oder Englisch verfasst werden.**

Suggested topics:

1. The air raid warning system
2. Active defence: RAF, Flak, searchlights and barrage balloons
3. Shelters
4. Blackout
5. Fighting fires and preparing for gas attacks
6. Boosting morale
7. Singing and dancing through *the Blitz*
8. Taking children away from *raid areas*
9. The role of the Royal family