

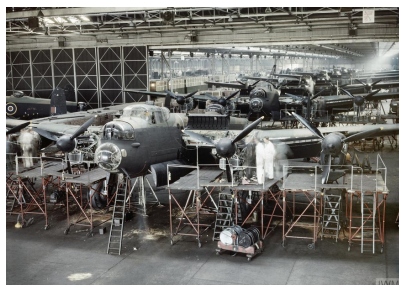
Y6 HISTORY KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER: **HOW DID WWII IMPACT ON OUR LOCAL AREA?**

Key Vocabulary

Luftwaffe	The German air force.	The Blitz	German bombing campaign against UK cities.
Nazi Party	Political party led by Adolf Hitler.	Third Reich	The name for the Nazi state from 1939 - 45.
Battle of Britain	The Royal Air Force defended Britain from large scale attacks by the Luftwaffe.	Appeasement	A political strategy to try and prevent war by giving an aggressor what they want.

Key Ideas

- ☐ **The Blitz was the German bombing campaign on major UK cities from September 1940 - May 1941. Salford was badly affected by air raids during this period.**
- ☐ Many large manufacturing firms and factories were concentrated in the Trafford Park area of Salford, making it an important target for German bombers.
- ☐ Manchester and Salford were hit by two nights of air raids from 22 - 24th December 1940. These are often referred to as the 'Christmas Blitz'. An estimated 684 people died.
- ☐ However, Manchester was still only the eleventh most heavily raided area in Britain
- ☐ From the start of World War II in September 1939, children were sent out of Salford to live in the countryside. They were sometimes separated from their parents and their siblings for many years.
- ☐ The countryside was both safer in case of bombings, and had more food, as there was more space for people to grow their own vegetables
- ☐ From 1940 until 1954 (nearly 10 years after the end of World War II), food and other goods were strictly rationed. Rationing ensured that everyone got their fair share.
- ☐ Much food was imported from other countries and this was far harder during war.



Trafford Park Factories

- During the Christmas air raids on 22-24 December 1940, the Metropolitan-Vickers Works which made bombers was just one of the area's factories to be badly damaged.
- In a later raid on Trafford Park in March 1941, Old Trafford football ground was hit by a bomb and put out of action until 1949.



Salford Royal Hospital

- In June 1941 German bombs damaged Salford Royal Hospital, killing 14 nurses.

How do we know about the impact of WWII on Salford?

- There are many sources of evidence from the period including pictures, newspaper reports, official documents and eyewitness statements. There are also artefacts from the Blitz such as shrapnel remains.

Timeline

