

2 DAY TOUR

# **Dunkirk & the fall of France**

# Day 1

Depart School Collect Guides Outbound crossing Arrive France

#### Cassel

The Inter War years; developments in tactics and technology; The Invasion of France 1940; The Blitzkrieg Theory.

# **Cassel Bunker**

The "Phoney War"; Development of static lines of defence; The purpose of the bunker; How was it taken?

## Wormhout

The massacre of 2nd Warwickshire. Ethics in warfare; The Geneva Convention and links to modern conflicts.

## **Defence of the Canal**

The real miracle of Dunkirk; The role of Combat Engineers; The use of air power; Communications issues; Accounts of those who held the line.

## **Bray Dunes**

The Beach; Evacuation of the BEF; Victory or Disaster – the British view? What lessons were learned? Final thoughts and summary.

- Depart for accommodation
- Dinner in accommodation
- Briefing for day 2 as required

## Day 2

# **The Eperlecques Bunker**

The largest bunker in Northern France, complete with authentic V1 launch ramp and construction site for the V2 rocket.

## La Coupole

Former base for launching the V2 rockets against London; Exhibition on the North of France under Nazi occupation.

- Depart for Calais
- Inbound crossing
- Arrive UK local time
- Arrive at school approx.