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Duke of Kent opens new exhibition at Bletchley Park

Story of the Bombe machines explains how Enigma was cracked

His Royal Highness The Duke of Kent KG this morning officially opened a restored wartime building at Bletchley Park. Hut 11A is home to the museum's latest permanent exhibition, *The Bombe Breakthrough*, which charts the work of Alan Turing in building the machine that broke Enigma.

Iain Standen, CEO of the Bletchley Park Trust, said: "We are grateful to our Royal Patron, HRH The Duke of Kent KG, for his presence here today. *Hut 11A: The Bombe Breakthrough* tells a crucial part of the Bletchley Park story and the opening today is the culmination of many years of hard work and research necessary to create an engaging and informative exhibition."

Highlights of the exhibition include:

- The first ever replica of the Polish Bomba machine
- A working model of an Alan Turing-designed Bombe machine
- Original Bombe blueprints and components
- Decrypted and translated Enigma messages
- Interactive displays and deeper dives for visitors

Entrance to *Hut 11A: The Bombe Breakthrough* is included in the main ticket price, which offers free unlimited visits for 12 months. To find out more about visiting Bletchley Park, go to www.bletchleypark.org.uk

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About Bletchley Park

Bletchley Park is a place of exceptional historical importance, open to visitors throughout the year. It remains highly relevant to our lives today and for the future. It is the home of British codebreaking and a birthplace of modern information technology. It played a major role in World War Two, producing secret intelligence which had a direct and profound influence on the outcome of the conflict.

Over the past twenty years Bletchley Park has become an internationally renowned site, visited by people from around the world, which acknowledges the successes from the war and the people responsible for them. It celebrates their values: broad-minded patriotism, commitment, discipline and technological excellence. By presenting and explaining these achievements and these values, in the

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very place where they occurred, Bletchley Park brings together the dramatic history of the twentieth century with the challenges we face in the twenty first in our rapidly changing and technologically complex society.