



Stanley Hollis

Stanley Hollis was born in Middlesbrough in 1912. He grew up like any other child in that time. Middlesbrough was a busy industrial town with quite a lot of poverty. He worked in his Mum and Dads fish and chip shop. He got married and became a lorry driver.



He joined the army at the start of the second world war in 1939 aged 27. He fought in many different places through out the war and was a good soldier - brave and resilient.



Stanley will have been worried the entire time he was away from home. His wife, son and daughter were in Middlesbrough which was regularly bombed. The town built ships and ammunition for the war making it a target.

Stanley fought in the D-day landings on June 6th 1944. 150,000 soldiers landed in Normandy, France in a single day. Stanley was an officer and led his men in several brave fights that day. Afterwards he realised 2 of his men were left behind enemy lines; he said to his commander **"I took them in. I will get them out"**. He took a grenade and watched the enemy working out how to get to his men. He threw the grenade, ran at the enemy and shot them. He rescued his troops.



Stanley Hollis was the only man to be awarded the Victoria cross (the highest medal awarded) for the D-day landings.

Our Academy is named after Stanley Hollis. He is a local legend and demonstrated the virtues and personal qualities we all aspire to; **courage, determination and selflessness.**

Stanley Hollis' granddaughter, Amanda Hart, opened our Academy in 2017.