## Ishaq Mullazada - Gliding Scholarship 2016 report

During my gap year after finishing my A-levels, all I wanted was an opportunity to fly and gain more experience in aviation. I first heard about the gilding

passion of flying.

Having looked at scholarship deadline date I knew I had exactly two days to send my application. After I applied for the Scholarship I impatiently waited for the outcome. On 31st March I received an email to confirm my place for an interview at the Headquarter of The Honourable Company Of Air Pilots. The interview itself was a completely different challenge; a few weeks later I learnt of the

scholarship through my brother who has always supported my

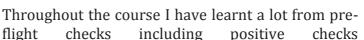
exciting news that I had

succeeded in my scholarship application. At this moment I could see myself a step closer to flying.

I was informed that my Gliding Scholarship would be in Portsmouth Naval Gliding Club. I was so excited to fly in a place with a landscape as beautiful as Portsmouth. To capture my experience I decided to buy a GoPro set, to record all of my flights and so that I could look back, take on board instructors' feedback and improve each flight.



During my time in PNGC, I had the opportunity to meet incredible pilots and instructors. This was a great time for our team of four who were selected for the scholarship to learn more about the aviation world. One of those pilots was Phil Shaw, whom I was grateful to meet. I had the chance to fly with Phil in a Tiger Moth and received great advice for my future career plan in the aviation industry.



to maneuvering the glider, stalling, trimming the glider for certain speeds and circuit for landing. By the end of the week, I had gained the ability to take control of the whole flight including staying behind the tow-plane while keeping the same angle of bank, releasing the rope, carrying smooth turns, starting the circuit by looking at the reference point and landing.



In conclusion, the experiences I have gained during a week in Portsmouth have been undeniably unforgettable and invaluable. This unique opportunity, has given me a platform to start my aviation journey. I would like to thank the Honourable Company of Air Pilots for giving me this once in a lifetime opportunity. I am grateful for the Portsmouth Naval Gliding Club and the volunteers who have guided our team through the week.





