

Honourable Company Of Air Pilots Gliding Scholarship 2017

Derby & Lancs Gliding Club

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The week started with arrival at Derbyshire and Lancashire gliding club on the 13th of August and we got settled down and unpacked before a couple of hours briefings. The morning after we all woke up around 6:30 and prepared for breakfast and morning flight briefings. The days were structured the same throughout the week as the gliding club works off consistency which made sure everyone knew the roles and how to perform the roles they were tasked with. Furthermore, the first flight commenced approximately 9:00am every morning and we flew for 8 hours each day. The scholarship winners were split into two individual groups of 3 and flew different types of gliders, these being the k13 and the puchatz.

Each day the skills of each individual develop as we progressed through steady flight then into stalling and slow flight. These were all great skills we learnt and progression was brilliant from all individuals.

The groups averaged 3 flights each day and the weather was amazing with the odd quick rain shower every couple of days. Additionally, the HCAP gliding scholarship gave me so much experience and has helped on my journey to becoming a fast jet pilot in the RAF. I cannot thank them enough for all they have done and 10 hours flying experience was such a privilege.

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