

## Ross Bradley Diamond Jubilee (AST) Scholarship 2018

I was selected to take part in the gliding scholarship weeklong course at Camphill. As soon as I arrived, both instructors were extremely welcoming and showed us around the facilities, rooms and dining area. We also met the catering staff who were extremely friendly.

My instructor was Allan and over the course of the week I progressed from having never set foot in a glider to flying an unassisted circuit and being able to fly to and from selected waypoints.

Just after breakfast every day we were briefed along with a weather report for the day. Everybody helped with launching and retrieving the landed gliders, there were also other jobs to do such as flight-logging, so the days were always full. Even in bad weather which luckily was only one afternoon, we used the indoor simulator to practise some flying skills.

Completing the scholarship confirmed for me that I wish to pursue aviation and since the course I have joined the Strathclyde flying club at my university. I also intend to keep up with gliding although my main aspiration is to learn to power fly. There's quite simply no rush like the launch and being able to climb over 3,000 feet without an engine!



I would like to thank Air Pilots again for awarding me with this excellent experience. I hope to remain close with the company. I feel this course was a vital stepping stone for me to get into aviation and am extremely keen to apply to the next intake of PPL scholarships in 2019. From the interview to the course to meeting everyone involved, it was an unforgettable experience and I would encourage anyone interested to apply.