

Flight Instructor Course Summer 2023

Thanks to the Honourable Company of Air Pilots, I was fortunate enough to be able to undertake a course for the acquisition of a Flight Instructor Certificate during the summer of 2023. The application process was challenging and rewarding in equal measure, involving three rounds. The first was the usual application form which asked various questions relating to personal goals and elements of teaching. The second involved producing a 2-minute presentation on the concept of Threat and Error Management. The third and final one involved visiting Air Pilots House for an interview with a panel of three HCAP members. This included a 10-minute presentation on a topic of my own choice - being a music teacher I talked about organs(!) - as well as some technical questions.

After a few days, I heard the good news - success; I got a scholarship!



I should thank Simon Rolfe for his mentoring in advance of this process as well as Sean Reynolds, Bob Gardner and Paul Slater for their instruction during their course. Thank you also to Peter Shorter (FI Examiner) and all the team at Andrewsfield.



With funding in hand, I approached Carol Cooper at Andrewsfield Aviation to sign up to her renowned FIC course. Her team of experienced and professional instructors ably modelled the behaviours and attitudes expected of an instructor and guided me through the course in a helpful and supportive way; I felt lucky to be under their tutelage.

