

Rowshon Chowdhury The Air BP Gliding Scholarship



From having absolutely no flying experience to now having a memory of my first gliding session (which I now deeply cherish), this course has allowed me to give an insight on how it feels to be a young pilot.

I was the first one to arrive at the club so I had a big tour. Camphill is beautiful, lots of lovely views. The club that I went to was called Derbyshire and Lancashire Gliding Club and it had many types of gliders. Some were vintage and some were new.



My group and me were very lucky as we managed to fly everyday! My total flying time was 5hrs of managed to do lots of launches and lots of practice. Honestly I wasn't very good at flying for the first 2 days, but after I kept trying and trying, I managed to improve a lot. The instructors were amazing at their jobs, they were professional and good at explaining how a glider works. It wasn't just flying that we had to do, there was lots of activities like doing the lights when people are launching or driving a tractor. The regular gliders helped us too and it was interesting to find out other people's gliding stories and adventures. Launches were so quick; it felt like you was on a short roller coaster ride. We flew up in the sky in around 3s and it was mesmerising to see all the tiny little things from above.

I think this gliding scholarship is for anyone who has a key interest in flying or who wants to me more comfortable with controls when flying. As a Muslim, I am proud of myself for achieving this as I haven't seen many Muslim girls try gliding. I hope to inspire everyone and encourage others to experience gliding. I would like to thank The Honourable Company of Air Pilots for this gliding scholarship and the help and support I have received from them. I would also like to thank the amazing people at Derbyshire and Lancashire Gliding Club for their service and outstanding teaching skills.

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