Will Moroney – APBF Scholarship

This past summer has been the most amazing of my life as it has given me so many skills both in the plane and away from it. The scholarship allowed me to complete the licence at a steady and consistent rate which I would have otherwise been unable to do.

As a result I picked up basic skills much quicker, giving me the opportunity to better focus on aspects like navigation and radio later on, while still being able to comfortably and confidently fly the aircraft. My flying also brought with it many amazing experiences and views, from flying wing to wing with a spitfire on final into Duxford or watching the sun setting on the city of London. Although at the end of a long day flying I often felt incredibly tired, there was still no where I would rather be than back in the plane looking to improve in any way I could. It wasn’t just the physical flying that really engrossed me this summer, but the theoretical aspects as well. Gaining a really in-depth understanding of the mechanics, physics and psychology of flying has only intrigued me more. Having such a great support network of instructors at flight training London meant that if I had any issues or wanted to find out a little bit more on a certain area the knowledge was always present somewhere in the office.

When looking retrospectively on this summer there is no single best part.

A few highlights like my solo, first solo navigation and that moment when you find out you’ve passed the skills test, but really the best part is the whole journey to becoming a qualified pilot, a culmination of experiences that cannot be matched by any single event. I can’t thank everyone at the honourable company of air pilots enough for their trust and support of me in this process. I have gained so much from this experience but in particular it has given me a massive confidence boost, that I am a good pilot and that
if I put myself out there and give all that I can, my passion will be recognised and I will succeed in my ultimate goal of becoming a commercial pilot.