

# Harry Ng

## The Air Safety Trust Scholarship

I arrived at Midland Gliding Club on the Sunday afternoon before we started flying. The weather certainly didn't look promising. Remaining optimistic, I met my peers who I would be flying with that week. That evening we spent most of our time on the simulator messing around by seeing who could break the wings off in the best way.

On the Monday morning, we started with a brief on the procedures. I had never launched & retrieved gliders before, so this was a new experience for me. My first flight was amazing and I was hooked immediately.

Throughout the week, I learnt and practiced the skills needed to fly gliders. This included level flight, turning, approach control, landing, and an introduction to stalling. My favourite part was landing. In total I managed just over two and a half hours of flight time and a total of 13 launches. The weather wasn't on our side for much of the first half of week, but I still managed to cover just over half of all pre-solo content. The K21 was very stable and comfortable to fly.

On the ground we were kept busy. Launching and retrieving the gliders took many people all working as a team. Towards the end of the week we were much quicker at launching.

Our instructor Andy was brilliant. He taught us all the gliding techniques in an effective way and had an incredible amount of flying experience. The club were very accommodating and I thoroughly enjoyed my time there. The location of the club was even better. Being on the edge of a huge ridge allowed us to gain lift very easily, extending our time in the air.

Thank you to the Honourable Company of Air Pilots for kindly giving me this opportunity and to the Air safety Trust for kindly sponsoring my place. Thank you to Midland Gliding club for hosting us.

