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**Honourable Company of Air Pilots Gliding Scholarship 2021**



In August 2021 I was lucky enough to complete a five-day residential gliding course at Derby and Lancashire Gliding Club, awarded to me by the Honourable Company of Air Pilots. I have always wanted to have a career within the aviation industry, so this scholarship gave me a great insight. On the Sunday evening, we were shown around the facilities including the hangar, where we got to see the gliders we would be flying for the week - The Puchacz.

Despite losing 2 days of flying due to poor weather, I still managed to get 12

winch launches and a total of 98 minutes of flying time across the week. On Monday I was shown the controls whilst in the air, learning the basics of controlling pitch and turning. On Tuesday and Wednesday we practised taking off and landings in the flight simulator, as well as winch launch failures. On Thursday we managed to get back into the air where we could put this practice into action. Luckily on Friday, the weather was perfect for gliding, so I managed to get a total of 6 winch launches. By the end of the week, I was able to take off and land the glider with only a bit of assistance.



I would like to thank HCAP for providing me with this amazing opportunity, everyone at DLGC, and a huge thanks to my instructor Alan and all the other scholarship winners on my course who all made it so enjoyable. This week has really

helped to further my interest in aviation, and I look forward to pursuing gliding in the future.

