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The Derbyshire and Lancashire Gliding club is enriched with of 84 years gliding heritage which to this day is upheld by a variety of club members and staff that have a multitude of avionic passions. From mechanics and carpenters, to vintage aircraft enthusiasts and airline or private pilots; undoubtedly we were all united by the team effort it takes to make a glider soar. Having the opportunity to fly in the open cockpit of a vintage T21 glider has to be a moment I will never forget and most defiantly left me wanting more. I look forward to returning for the clubs annual Vintage Aircraft week. Many thanks to the members of Camphill that opened up their club to us scholars with encouraging arms.



Before the scholarship at Camphill, I felt I had extremely little experience in and around aircraft for someone with set aspirations to become a commercial Airline Pilot. This was the first step on my training marathon to the cockpit of a commercial multi engine airliner, and I am whole heartedly grateful that I was able to start this journey at Camphill.

Retrospectively I cannot name an aspect of the week I did not thoroughly enjoy. A much-needed escape from London in which I had the chance to physically operate and manoeuvre gliders in the air, learn how to handle and care for the gliders on the ground, operate for the retrieval (of Gliders from the airfield) and carry out pre-flight inspections. Our week at Camphill encompassed practical skills that will underline many of my future pilot studies and has set me on the path to becoming a solo Glider and eventually, a highly competent commercial Airline Pilot.

Final thanks to the Honourable Pilots for the opportunity, the arrangements, and for supporting my flying aspirations. I'll look forward to working with company again, it's been an honour.

