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Applying for the Scholarship was easily the best decision I made. It gave me the chance to do something I had never done before, whilst meeting some incredible people. The setting of the club itself was so serene, with it being in the heart of the Peak District with from the airfield views going on for miles.

Being an air cadet, I have a natural passion for being up in the air, but found powered aircraft to be inferior to the glider after the weeks course. Without an engine, you can feel the wind forcing you in different directions and you can control the glider better because of it.

The first Saturday evening was spent getting to know each other, along with getting to know John and Sylvia, whom were so kind-

hearted and welcoming; essentially our parents for the week. The pair of them made our stay so enjoyable and I can't recommend the hospitality I received there enough.

Unfortunately, for the first few days, the weather wasn't on our side, with rain and heavy winds. I did, however, have my first experience flight in a glider, and that flight is something that I'll never forget. On our first day, we learned how to drive the tractors used to collect the gliders from the air field and bring them back to the launch point.



Throughout the week, I was able to get more and more air time, leading up to last flight in the Puchasz with a 1 hour flight in which we reached heights of 4000ft above sea level, with the chance for aerobatics.

We finished off our week with an incredible flight in the T-21 glider; an open cockpit glider. This quickly became the highlight of my week. Not many people get to experience something as incredible as that. The views from this glider were incredible.

This scholarship was an eye-opener and has led me to join a local gliding club so that I can continue flying. My week at Camphill was so incredible and I would definitely recommend the scholarship to anyone considering applying for it.