



642 Volunteer Gliding Squadron

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GLIDING SCHOLARSHIP – JOINING INSTRUCTIONS

You have been allocated a Gliding Scholarship Course at 642 VGS RAF Linton-on-Ouse. Please note that you are expected to attend every Saturday and/or Sunday until the course is complete. This may require attendance for up to five consecutive weekends.

About the Course

The Gliding Scholarship is a flying training course of approximately 8 hours, coupled with a ground examination. During your course you will also be expected to learn how to clean aircraft and assist in their movement under supervision. If you complete the training you will receive blue wings and if you show sufficient ability, you will carry out a solo circuit and receive silver wings.

Flying Training

The flying training consists of three stages: Stage 1 (upper air) training in which you will learn how to taxi the aircraft on the ground, handle and manoeuvre the aircraft in flight, including the basic controls, use of airbrakes, trim, throttle, avoiding stalls and how to take off and land. Stage 2 (circuits) in which you will learn how to manage the aircraft throughout a standard circuit, improve your handling and deal with a range of possible problems. And stage 3 (pre-solo) in which you will be assessed for solo and may carry out a solo flight.

Vigilant

The aircraft you will train in is a two seat powered glider built by Grob, and part of a well maintained Air Cadet fleet of training aircraft. You will fly the aircraft at speeds up to around 70 knots and heights up to 8000ft, with the engine remaining on during training. (The engine is run at idle during the descent to land). The aircraft is capable of much more than is demonstrated during training.

Timings and attendance

You are expected to arrive for duty at 0830 each day and will be required to stay until one hour after the end of flying which can run until 7pm or sunset. If you are unable to attend for any reason then contact either CGI Ian Gilbert or Sqn Ldr Johnston.

Accommodation and Food

Student accommodation is provided on the Saturday nights in 642's accommodation block, and can also be made available on the Friday nights by arrangement. The accommodation block is accessed using a secure code. If you are staying overnight you will require a sleeping bag and pillow. Messing is available at a cost of £1.35 per day regardless of how many meals are taken. The mess provides breakfast, lunch and dinner at set times. You may miss a meal due to flying in which case snacks will be provided.

Transport

You are responsible for your own travel arrangements as RAF Linton-on-Ouse is not accessible by public transport. Linton-on-Ouse is 6 miles North West of York (Post Code YO6 2AJ). Please see location maps. Security access to the station is restricted and if you are brought by parents or friends they will need to drop you off outside the station gates, or obtain a pass from the guard room. Parents are welcome to visit the VGS and the Guardroom will contact the VGS if this is the case.

Questions

If you have any questions contact CGI Ian Gilbert or Sqn Ldr Johnston. Further information is also available on the 642 VGS website: www.642vgs.co.uk

CHECK LIST

3822 or ROS Book
Medical Certificate (for first attendance)
Uniform including beret
Soft soled shoes
Flying Suit/coveralls (can be provided)
Sunglasses (essential at all times of year)

Rations money (£1.35 day)
IF STAYING OVERNIGHT
Civilian Clothes
Washing Kit
Sleeping Bag and Pillow
Labelled luggage



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