



642 VGS RAF LINTON-ON-OUSE

GLIDING SCHOLARSHIP JOINING INSTRUCTIONS

You have been allocated a Gliding Scholarship at 642 VGS, RAF Linton-on-Ouse. Please note that you are expected to attend every weekend until the course is complete. This may require attendance between 3 and 5 consecutive weekends, depending on weather conditions.

About the Course. The Gliding Scholarship is a training course of approximately 8 hours. 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. The flying training consists of 3 stages: Stage 1 (upper air) training in which you will learn how to taxi the aircraft, 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.



The Vigilant T Mk 1. 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.

Messing / Timings. Student accommodation is provided on the Saturday nights, and on the Friday nights by arrangement. If you are staying overnight you will require a sleeping bag and pillow. 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. There is also plenty of time during the weekend for school / college studies, and we recommend you bring your work with you as necessary. You are to report for training at 642VGS at 0830 and will be expected to help clean the aircraft until 1 hour after sunset.

Travel. You are responsible for your own travel arrangements as RAF Linton-on-Ouse is not readily accessible by public transport. Linton-on-Ouse is 6 miles north west of York (Post Code YO30 2AJ). Parents are also welcome to visit us and can be shown around the aircraft you will be flying. If so, they will need to obtain a pass from the guardroom.

Checklist

Uniform (working blues)	3822 or ROS Book
Soft soled shoes / trainers	Sunglasses (essential)
Cadet Messing (£1.75 day)	Civilian Clothes
Sleeping Bag and Pillow	Washing Kit
School work !	

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