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PRESS RELEASE

AIR CADETS FLY HIGH AT ODIHAM

Twenty ATC Cadets and Staff from 22 (Sandy) 2484 (Bassingbourn) and 2523 (Linton) Squadrons in Bedfordshire & Cambridgeshire Wing, and twenty CCF Cadets and Staff from Cowes on the Isle of Wight, took to the skies on 25th October for a Chinook flight at RAF Odiham. After an early tedious journey on the M25 the ATC Cadets arrived to find their flight delayed until the afternoon, but this gave them a chance to look around the Station before the Health & Safety briefings, lunch and boarding for the hour and a half flight.

Expectations were high, and they weren't disappointed for at 1500hrs the Chinook left the ground and made its way to Southampton with the rear ramp down. The weather was perfect, sunny and warm, although a little windy, which made the flight more entertaining, if a little uncertain, as some of the Cadets found out when they had to reach for their sick bags. They were treated to low level flying, landing in a field, before following the coastline to Brighton. Following this the Chinook flew to London and made its way up the River Thames. The views of London were spectacular and Cadets were able to pick out HMS Belfast, Tower Bridge, the London Eye and Fulham Football Ground amongst many other landmarks. One of the Cadets said "It was amazing, the views were stunning, I will never forget it".

Grateful thanks to 18 Squadron in particular Sgt Hollingsworth and the Crew, for making it such a special day and for making us feel so welcome at Odiham.

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Encl: Photo 1 Cadets

Photo 2 Cadets boarding

Photo 3 Staff and Cadet Flt Sgt.

Photo 4 Ready to board



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