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## PRESS RELEASE

### International Air Cadet Exchange – The Netherlands

If you want to try something different in the Air Cadet Organisation apply for an International Air Cadet Exchange (IACE). Over 19 Countries participate in this prestigious 16 day exchange.

This year the Escorting Officer for the United Kingdom was Flt. Lt. Margaret Bell OC 22 Sqn and Beds & Cambs Wing MCO accompanied by CWO Nicky Jackson from 2223 (Ulverston) Squadron, F/S Jack Ettridge 1127 (Kendal) Sqn, F/S James Grant 241 (Wanstead and Woodford) Squadron and Sgt Rachel Marley 423 (Elgin) Sqn. All IACE Escorting Officers and Cadets met at RAF Uxbridge for briefings and an overnight stay before departing from Heathrow Airport the following day on their various flights.

They were met at Schiphol Airport by their escorting Netherlands Officers and transported to Du Moulin Army Base which would effectively be their accommodation until return to the UK.

It was a very busy schedule including many visits all over the Netherlands amongst which were ESTEC Space Centre Noordwijk, Arnhem, various Museums, Royal Netherlands Air Force Bases including Volkel, Glize Rijen, Soesterberg and Woensdrecht, the Navy Port at Den Helder and De Kooy Naval Air Station, Port of Rotterdam Authority, Schipol Airport and KLM, and the Aerospace faculty at Delft Technical University. Cadets and Escorting Officers also had the chance to go Gliding at Soesterberg and visit the Chinook, Cougar and F16 Squadrons. Four Cadets had a chance to try a centrifuge pulling 2gs, a hyperbaric chamber was also a bit hit, and a visit to the KLM 747-400 with a chance to fly and land the aircraft in the flight simulator.

Amongst the Leisure activities were Swimming, Sports, 2 Barbecues, a visit to a typical Dutch village, a trip to the Beach and Funfair in Tilburg, Amsterdam, Rotterdam and Delft for cultural experiences and shopping, a Video evening and a Disco on the last night. There was also a last minute chance to have a Chinook flight, which Cadets thoroughly enjoyed, as well as a weekend stay with Host families.

30 Cadets from Turkey, Sweden, Australia, the UK, Canada, Switzerland, the USA, Finland, Hong Kong, France, Germany, New Zealand and Spain and their 6 Escorts had a lot of fun and took home a much valued experience from this cultural exchange on IACE in the Netherlands.



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Encl: *Apache - UK Cadets left to right – F/S Ettridge, CWO Jackson, F/S Marley and F/S Grant*  
*Apache 1 – UK Cadets rear F/S Ettridge, front CWO Jackson*  
*Arnhem 1 – group photo*  
*UK Party 1 formal presentation UK party*  
*Hyperbaric Chamber – group photo*  
*Photo 1 group photo*  
*Space Centre 1 – group presentation*  
*KLM visit – left to right UK Cadet, rear right Swedish Cadet, front right German Cadet*  
*Centrifuge – New Zealand Cadet*  
*Photo 3a – group photo*



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