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Trip of a lifetime

Nine Cadets and a member of Staff from 22 (Sandy) Squadron took the trip of a lifetime recently refuelling Tornados in a VC10.

Cadets travelled to RAF Brize Norton for this experience which took them around the Newcastle area on a three hour refuelling trip in the VC 10. Officer Commanding 22 Sqn Flt. Lt. Margaret Bell said “We have been on the waiting list for over 4 years for this trip, and we were the first Squadron to be able to fly since 2005. The Cadets were really looking forward to this trip, although there is always a chance of cancellation at the last minute due to operational commitments, everyone had their fingers crossed on arrival and it paid off”.

A/Sgt Redman said “Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the trip, there was a definite “buzz in the air” all afternoon, whilst travelling back home, and on the next parade night. Cadets were given the run of the aircraft following take off, under the watchful eye of the Air Loadmaster, and were able to get a birds eye view out of the windows and on the flight deck of the refuelling process from the wings. It is an experience the Cadets will not forget”.

Cdt Sgt Tom Jackman said “It’s the best thing I have ever been able to do, it can’t be beaten”.

Grateful thanks to the Station Commander at Brize, also the Deputy Air Cadet Liaison Officer and the Crew of the VC10 for a wonderful opportunity.

22 Squadron are actively recruiting Cadets both male and female age 13 plus, log on to the website at www.sandy-aircadets.org.uk or ring 01234 307776 for further information.

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Photo Image 2 – Tornado refuelling

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