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PRESS RELEASE

March Cadet experiences life on an overseas RAF Station

Cadet Toni Arnold was lucky enough to be just one of 7 cadets from Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire Wing to spend 2 weeks at RAF Akrotiri in Cyprus. Cdt Arnold from 1220 (March) Sqn joined over 60 other cadets on camp where they split their time between work experience on base, such as air traffic control, and visiting some of the tourist sites as well as activities like swimming and shooting.

They had the chance to see at close quarters the different aircraft that operate or visit the base and during the short time they were there managed tours around a Sentry, Hercules, Tornado and Jaguar. It was topped off with flights in the bases' Griffin rescue helicopters.

Highlight of the fortnight was the chance to visit the Red Arrows, who train from the base during the colder months. Toni was fortunate to be out with the bird scaring unit when they arrived back from training and was right next to the runway as they landed. She was then able to meet and chat with Red One, Squadron Leader Dicky Patounas.

Toni also took part in environmental work, as part of the team that keeps the adjacent beaches safe for the turtles as they arrive to lay their eggs.

1220 Sqn are actively recruiting Cadets, Tel 01354 651788 for further information. Parade nights Tuesday and Friday. Address 1220 (March) Squadron Air Training Corps, Gas Road, March. PE15 9LU, or log onto the website at www.1220atc.org.uk

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