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### Dunstable Air Cadets flying high

Two Air Cadets from 460 (Dunstable) Squadron have reached the heights for quite separate reasons recently.

Cadet Sgt Laurretta Matthews, aged 16, has completed a gliding scholarship. The course, intended to train Cadets to fly the glider to solo standard was held at the Air Cadet Central Gliding School RAF Syerston. During the week long course, Laurretta had her first experience of the 'Grob Viking' winch launched glider having earlier completed a gliding induction course on the 'Grob Vigilant' motorised glider at 616 Volunteer Gliding Squadron RAF Henlow. "Flying the Viking was totally different to what I have been used to, especially the launch. The Vigilant takes off like an ordinary plane but in the Viking you are catapulted into the air so fast, it's like being in a jet fighter" Sgt Matthews also had first hand experience of living in the Air Force during the course as she stayed in the Officer and Air Crew Selection Candidates Mess at the Royal Air Force College Cranwell.

Air Cadet Emma Crawford, aged 19 has become the senior cadet of Dunstable Squadron on promotion to Cadet Warrant Officer. Emma joined the Air Cadets in 2001 at the age of 15 and has risen through the cadet ranks due to her enthusiasm and leadership qualities. The Officer Commanding Dunstable Squadron said "Emma thoroughly deserves this promotion to what is the highest rank achievable by a cadet. Her enthusiasm and commitment, especially to the younger cadets is contagious and she is the perfect example of what young people can achieve with effort and dedication"

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(1) Sgt Lauretta Matthews and friends at RAF Syerston

(2) CWO Emma Crawford receives her Warrant Officer Crown from Wing Commander Bower RAF VR(T). OC  
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