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## **Oakington Cadet celebrates BTEC success**

Cadet Sergeant Sophie Ellingham has become the first member of 2524 (Oakington) Squadron Air training Corps to complete a BTEC First Diploma in Public Services.

The qualification, which is equivalent to four GCSEs at grades A-C, comprises of six modules based around activities which cadets can take part in as part of their training such as leadership courses and the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. All cadets over the age of sixteen have the opportunity to obtain the qualification at no cost.

Sophie said “I think that the BTEC First Diploma in Public Services is a really good qualification. It gives cadets an insight into the forces and the modules are all interesting and practical. I think that it also shows a commitment to education out of school and gives cadets the opportunity to get more out of the Air Training Corps. It looks impressive on your CV and it is bound to help me in my application to the Police Force.”

Civilian Instructor Jamie Houghton, the Squadron’s Training Officer, said “The BTEC in Public Services is a fantastic opportunity for cadets to gain academic recognition for activities they participate in whilst members of the Air Training Corps. I’m particularly please for Sophie as she was the first to sign up for and successfully complete her BTEC, hopefully inspiring other cadets to take up the challenge.”

Oakington Squadron is currently recruiting. If you are aged 13-17 and are interested in finding out more about what you local air cadets do, log onto the website at [www.2524atc.co.uk](http://www.2524atc.co.uk) or Tel: 01954 781180

Address: 2524 (Oakington) Squadron Air Training Corps, The Cadet Centre, Magdalene Close, Longstanton, CB24 3EG

Parade nights: Tuesday and Friday between 1900-2130hrs.

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Attachments:

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Caption: Cadet Sergeant Sophie Ellingham receives her BTEC First Diploma in Public Services for Civilian Instructor Jamie Houghton, squadron BTEC Officer.