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PRESS RELEASE

Celebrating Success

A year in the life of the modern Air Cadet is a busy one indeed. With activities such as flying, gliding, camps, expeditions, sports, initiative training and competitions to name a fraction it is clear to see that a lot can be achieved in a relatively short time, especially when you consider that the Cadets only meet for 2 hours twice a week and the occasional weekend.

In recognition of their achievements over the past 12 months, 207 (Cranfield) Squadron held their first annual awards evening on Saturday 20th September. After a short presentation introducing parents to the Air Cadets and individual members of staff at the Squadron, the Cadets were inspected by Wing Commander Paul Bower before the Squadron Commander, Flight Lieutenant Paul Weston, introduced the presentation of each of the following awards:

Starting the proceedings, the Superstar Award (for outstanding performance in an individual's chosen discipline) went to Cadet Tom Harris, 16, for his superb contributions to staff refreshments (tea and coffee making). The following awards were also presented:

Commanding Officer's Achievement Award:	Cadet William Edwards, 13
Best Kept Uniform:	Cadet Elizabeth Shiner, 14
Best Attendance:	Cadet Tom Harris
Best Drill Flight:	B Flight
Best Flight:	A Flight
NCO of the Year	Corporal Lauren Dougherty, 16
Cadet's Cadet (Voted by cadets):	Cadet Elizabeth Shiner
Male Sports Cadet of the Year:	Cadet Tom Harris
Female Sports Cadet of the Year:	Cadet Claire Shiner, 13
Education Award:	Cadet Claire Shiner
Cadet of the Year:	Cadet Claire Shiner

Further to the awards, some Cadets were promoted in recognition of their service: Cadets Claire Shiner and Aaron Gadsden, 17, were promoted from Cadet to Corporal and Corporal Lauren Dougherty to Sergeant.

The staff at the Squadron would like to take the opportunity to congratulate all of the cadets for their tremendous achievements throughout they year and look forward to the further growth of 207 Squadron over the coming year.

207 Squadron are now recruiting new cadets from the age of 13 to 18. If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact the Squadron on 01234 752030 or call in at their Headquarters off Merchants Lane, Cranfield between the times of 7:30pm and 9:30pm on a Monday or Thursday evening.

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Notes to Editor

- Attached photo: 'Awards.jpg'
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