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PRESS RELEASE

For most 13 to 18 year olds, the October half term is simply an opportunity to spend a week in front of the TV, playing computer games or possibly nothing at all. For many members of the UK's biggest uniformed youth organisation, The Air Training Corps (ATC), though, it is an opportunity to get out and about with like minded friends and take part in various activities and visits.

Accompanied by three members of staff from 207 (Cranfield) Squadron, 15 Air Cadets started off their half term with a trip to The Tank Museum in Bovington, Dorset.

After a very early start and a 3 hour journey, the day enabled cadets to walk around the museum and explore exhibitions many different styles of tank, walk through 'The Trench Experience' and enjoy a tank display which involved the use of pyrotechnics to really liven up the show. After looking around and learning about the tanks cadets and staff then had the chance to ride in the back of an armoured tracked vehicle known as the M548, this can seat up to sixteen people in the back and three lucky cadets were able to ride up front. Cadet Sean Robinson, 13, who attended the trip, said "*It was a great day and the tank show and ride were amazing, the museum was very interesting and I would definitely go again if I was given the opportunity.*"

This trip was just one of the many opportunities open to Cadets in the ATC throughout the year. Others include flying, gliding, adventurous training and sports activities to mention a few. If you are aged between 13 and 18 and would like to know more, please contact 207 (Cranfield) 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

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