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Air Cadets Take to the Skies

On Saturday, a group of Cadets from 104 Squadron travelled to RAF Wyton near St Ives to experience the joys of flying. No 5 Air Experience Flight flies cadets from all over the south east of England in its Grob 115 Tutor aircraft that are shared with the University Air Squadron.

The Grob Tutor is a two-seat, fully-aerobatic light aircraft that is also used by the RAF to provide new pilots with their Elementary Flying Training. The Cadets, aged 13 to 19 are flown by highly experienced retired or currently serving RAF pilots who love to pass on their love of flying to their young passengers.

Those Cadets who have flown before are given the opportunity to take the controls themselves under guidance from the pilot or they may have their stomachs turned by some aerobatic manoeuvres such as loops, rolls or stall turns.

104 Squadron's Commanding Officer Flight Lieutenant Richard Slack said of the flying "This is one of the things that really sets the Air Cadet Organisation apart from all other youth organisations. How many teenagers can go to work on a Monday and tell their mates that they were doing aerobatics at the weekend?"

"You only have to look at the cadets' faces when they climb out of the cockpit to know just how worthwhile this experience is. For those with aspirations to pursue flying careers, being Air Cadets takes them a step closer to that dream."

The Air Training Corps is open to all young people from 13 to 16 year of age. If you want to find out more go to www.aircadets.org.

Photographs:

104_FLY_20091010_A.jpg – Cadet Rhuben Smith (14) All kitted-up and ready to fly.

104_FLY_20091010_B.jpg – A Grob 115 Tutor of No 5 AEF at RAF Wyton with an Air Cadet on board.