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PRESS RELEASE

AIR CADET ON CLOUD NINE

An Air Cadet from 2484 (Bassingbourn) Squadron is on cloud 9 after flying solo in a glider following a gliding scholarship. Cadet Sergeant Ben Johnson has been learning to fly the Vigilant motor glider at RAF Henlow, giving up his spare time to attend 616 Volunteer Gliding Squadron.

Sgt Johnson has amassed eight hours of flight training on the aircraft learning such skills as the primary and secondary effects of aircraft controls and rules of the air. Sgt Johnson has had to demonstrate the ability to control the aircraft in straight and turning flight, take off, complete a circuit of the airfield and land.

After completing the course to solo standard Sgt Johnson is now entitled to wear the silver Gliding Scholarship wings on his uniform.

Sgt Ben Johnson said *"Flying solo was an amazing feeling, being up there alone felt strange after flying with an instructor! When I first joined the Air Cadets I never expected that I would achieve so much, let alone fly solo in a glider"*

This makes Ben the third Cadet from the Squadron to solo and the sixth to gain their Gliding Scholarship wings in the last 12 months. Alongside this numerous Cadets have attended Gliding Induction Courses, Air Experience Flying and Air Experience Gliding.

2484 (Bassingbourn) Squadron is open to young men and women aged between 13 and 17 years old. We meet on Mondays and Wednesdays between 18:45 and 21:45 at Bassingbourn Barracks. For more information please contact 01763 249156 or visit our website www.2484aircadets.co.uk

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Notes to editor

Attached picture: Sgt Ben Johnson shows off his silver wings with the Vigilant aircraft pictured behind.

