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Good Morning

We have a cadet on our squadron of whose achievements we are very proud and wondered if you would like to feature him in your paper.

Cadet Flight Sergeant Ryan Sheehan joined our squadron in December 2003 and since then has gained an outstanding list of flying achievements; he completed his Gliding Scholarship at 616 VGS at RAF Henlow, achieving solo wings, with full recommendation for the Air Cadet Pilot Scheme (ACPS); has been a staff cadet on 5 AEF at RAF Wyton for 2 ½ years and achieved 70+ hours on the Grob Tutor; achieved several aviation awards culminating in the Beds and Cambs Wing, Parker Britannia trophy for achievements for a genuine aviation nature. All his hard work has paid off as Ryan has just passed the assessment for The Oxford Aviation Academy, and been formally offered a place on the Airline Preparation Programme First Officer Course (APPFO), to commence first officer training in early 2010.

Another of our cadets, Sgt Vinnie Rainbird, has also been taking to the skies. She recently completed the Static Line Solo Decent Parachute Course at RAF Weston-on-the-Green, Oxfordshire. A two day course culminated in Vinnie carrying out a Static Line jump from 35,000ft, (the static line ensures the parachute is deployed automatically). Vinnie described her jump as “one of the most incredible, surreal things” she has ever done “a highlight in her Air Cadet career” and something she would encourage people to do.

If anyone has been inspired by Ryan and Vinnie’s stories and would like to join 73 (Huntingdon) Squadron, we will be holding a cadet intake evening on the 22nd September 2009, for more information contact Flt Lt Pateman by email: co@73huntingdonsqnatc.org.uk Our next intake will be in January, the date will be advertised nearer the time.

Thank you in advance for your time.

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