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Press Release

Sandy Air Cadets Get Flying Surprise

Five cadets from 22 (Sandy) Squadron were recently treated to a surprise tour around a former RAF Spitfire while flying from RAF Wyton, Cambridgeshire.

The Spitfire from the Imperial War Museum at Duxford, made an unexpected visit to the airfield as the cadets were preparing for their flights. The cadets, already excited at the prospect of going flying, were astounded to see a Spitfire landing at the base. The cadets got the chance to be shown around this historic aircraft, and have their photograph taken with this flying legend, so that they could show their friends and parents.

Cadet Elliot Hall (13), a new cadet to the squadron, said "I really enjoyed my day and the weather was perfect for flying. We got extra-long flights, and the pilot even let me take control of the aircraft for some aerobatics. To also get to see a Spitfire up close was extra special.

The following day the cadets also had the opportunity, along with air cadets from 2500 (St Neots) and 2065 (Biggleswade) Squadron, to visit the Royal Air Force Museum at Hendon. Here they received an insight into their aviation heritage, such as the Spitfire and other aircraft that have served with distinction for the RAF over the years.

Flight Lieutenant Geoff Matthews, a former RAF pilot himself, commented "Great Britain does museums, such as the RAF museum, almost better than anywhere else in the World. For the cadets it was fascinating to see our aviation heritage laid out in such variety, and the interactive features proved to be very popular".

If you would like information on how to join as a Cadet, a member of Staff or Civilian Committee member please call 01767 691681, email info@sandy-aircadets.org.uk or visit our website at www.sandy-aircadets.org.uk.

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Notes to Editor:

Included photographs:

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Photo 1 – Cadet Corporal Melinda Haine in the aircraft before flight

Photo 2 – Sandy cadets in front of Spitfire

(Left-Right: Cadet Elliot Hall, Cadet Sergeant Robert Hubbard, Cadet Corporal Melinda Haine, Cadet Corporal Joshua Bruce, Cadet Ben Kilby)

Photo 3 – Sandy cadets in front of Spitfire

(Left-Right, Front: Cadet Sergeant Robert Hubbard, Cadet Corporal Joshua Bruce, Cadet Corporal Melinda Haine, **Left-Right, Back:** Cadet Elliot Hall, Cadet Ben Kilby)

All photographs taken by Flight Lieutenant Geoff Matthews



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