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## PRESS RELEASE

### **Ely Air Cadets Get Taste of RAF Life**

Cadets and Staff from 1094 (Ely) Squadron ATC gained a valuable insight into the workings of a Royal Air Force (RAF) Station last week when they joined with other cadets from the region at their Annual Camp at RAF Cranwell in Lincolnshire.

Whilst at Cranwell the cadets were able to visit several sections that contribute to the running of the base including the Fire and the Survival Equipment Sections. In addition cadets were given the chance to undertake a variety of Work Experience placements ranging from an insight into RAF Police Dogs while others got to grips with the workings of Jaguar aircraft that are used to train RAF Technicians. Others took the opportunity to brush up on their marksmanship skills on the range.

Despite the wet weather a number of cadets were also able to go flying, some for the first time. In addition to Air Experience Flying (AEF) in Tutor aircraft some of the cadets were also able to fly in the aircraft used to train RAF crews, namely the Beech King Air which is used to train pilots on Multi Engined aircraft, and the Dominie which is the current Navigational Training platform.

Off site visits included the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight (BBMF) at RAF Coningsby where cadets were able to examine iconic aircraft such as the Hurricane, Spitfire and Lancaster at very close quarters. Another trip involved a visit to East Kirkby Airfield, Lincs where the cadets were able to view the restored WWII Control Tower and associated exhibits including another Lancaster bomber similar to that which flew from RAF Mepal and Witchford near Ely during the war. Some were even able to see the aircraft from the inside.

The week was rounded off by a Drill Competition between the flights followed by a party that evening. A group of happy but tired cadets returned to Ely last Saturday afternoon.

*For further information on 1094 (Ely) Squadron please go to the squadron website, [www.1094sqnadc.org](http://www.1094sqnadc.org). The next Recruiting Evening is on September 29<sup>th</sup>.*



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