



Airborne Adventure

Soaring high above the Yorkshire countryside in a high performance training aircraft, Sergeant Nicolas Every, 17 years, experienced at first hand what its like to be a trainee pilot in the Royal Air Force.

Sergeant Every, an air cadet with 134 (Bedford) Squadron, flew for 30 minutes in a Shorts Tucano T1 aircraft from Royal Air Force Linton-On-Ouse the home of flying training in the Royal Air Force and one of the busiest airfields in the country.

The Tucano T1 is a single engine turboprop training aircraft with performance similar to a jet aircraft and capable of speeds up to 315 mph.

During the sortie he was able to take control of the aircraft and carried out a series of aerobatic manoeuvres, which included barrel rolls, loops and stall turns.

Sergeant Every was the Squadron's Cadet of the Year for 2009/2010 and he was awarded the flight so that he could learn how the Royal Air Force and Royal Navy train their pilots and weapons systems operators.

Warrant Officer Paul Taylor who helped facilitate the flight said, "Flying in a high performance aircraft is a dream that many young Air Cadets have. Sergeant Every has now realised that dream and knows what he needs to achieve if he wants to pursue a career flying in the armed forces."