

104 (City of Cambridge) Squadron

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PRESS RELEASE

NEW QUALIFICATIONS AT 104

Cadets and staff from 104 (City of Cambridge) Squadron have benefited by gaining vocational qualifications through EdExel and CVQO.

CVQO is an educational charity providing the opportunity for members of the various cadet organisations to gain internationally recognised qualifications by organising vocational qualifications for both cadets and their instructors. CVQO is accredited to deliver qualifications that have been selected to show the wide range of skills that young people and adults learn in the cadet forces, with the aim of providing its members with opportunities in both the workplace and higher education.

Cadet Corporal Toby Duthie-Smith (17) has been awarded his BTEC Certificate in Aviation Studies, which is the equivalent of 2 GCSEs at grade A*-C level. He has gained the award by studying various aerospace studies such as Principles of Flight, Airmanship and Satellite Communications and passing written examinations. This helped in his application to become an Apprentice Aerospace Engineer at Marshall Aerospace in Cambridge.

Alongside this he has also been awarded his BTEC First Diploma in Public Services. The diploma mixes theory and practical skills with emphasis on leadership, teamwork, communications and health, developing valuable life skills to make cadets more employable. The diploma is the equivalent of 4 GCSEs at grade A*-C level. Both awards (6 GCSEs) are free to Air Cadets.

Cadet Corporal Toby Duthie-Smith *“The work involved was a challenge but has helped me gain 6 extra GCSEs and gain employment at Marshall Aerospace”*

Meanwhile Pilot Officer Chris Cox has gained his ILM. The Institute of Leadership and Management (ILM) Award in First Line Management is a concise qualification which gives an introduction to the basic skills, knowledge and understanding required by today's first line manager. The award is designed to develop practical techniques for tackling managerial problems and making decisions from gathering and interpreting information through to the effective communication of outcomes. The award was gained by completing a 1000 word structured assignment following completion of his Officers Initial Course at RAF Cranwell, the home of RAF Officer training.

Pilot Officer Cox said *“The award recognises the skills I have learnt throughout my time in the Air Cadet Organisation and will assist me as I look to further my civilian occupation”*

Wing BTEC Officer Flight Lieutenant Rob Bradshaw added *“The Air Cadet Organisation is pleased that it can offer these opportunities to its staff and cadets. With the cadet awards being free it emphasises the impact that the cadet organisations still have in the UK”*

104 (City of Cambridge) Squadron meet on Wednesday and Friday evening at our headquarters on Newmarket Road. For more information about joining as either a cadet or member of staff please contact 01223 295324 (Wed and Fri Evenings) or email info@104atc.org

For the latest news and information from the Squadron you can now follow us on Twitter at [104AirCadets](https://twitter.com/104AirCadets)

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Notes to editor

Pictures

BTEC1 – Cadet Corporal Toby Duthie-Smith receives his BTEC Certificate in Aviation Studies from Flight Lieutenant Richard Slack

ILM1 – Pilot Officer Chris Cox receives his Institute of Leadership and Management (ILM) Award in First Line Management from Flight Lieutenant Richard Slack