



A TYPICAL DAY ON A FLYING SCHOLARSHIP

Above anything else we want to make sure that you get the most out of your scholarship. It's important that you appreciate what is involved and are prepared; that way you will get the maximum enjoyment from it. Being able to demonstrate an appreciation of this at selection will stand you in good stead.

You will normally be accommodated at a hotel, with your selected fellow scholar, a short distance from the airfield. Wherever possible the accommodation will be selected to meet your specific needs.

You will be expected to take responsibility for your own personal needs and mustn't impose on your fellow scholar or flying instructors. The flying instructors will help with any difficulties as far as they can, but their responsibility is for your flying training not personal issues.

Due to the isolated position of many airfields you will have to drive yourself to the flying school. You may find that you want to or need to travel at different times from your fellow scholar, for instance if it suits one of you to start earlier or if one of you needs to go back to the hotel to rest.

Depending on the amount of time you need to get ready, it could well be an early start. It's very important that you arrive in good time to start your day's events. Make sure you allow time for breakfast before starting the day.

The day will normally commence with a pre-flight briefing. There will have been some background reading to do so it's expected that you'll have done some preparation the night before. The briefing will last around 15 to 20 minutes and will summarise what you are going to do on your flight, and give you the opportunity to ask relevant questions.

You will then, initially with the help of your instructor, prepare the aircraft for flight. To do this you will be using a checklist to help you become familiar with the aircraft. Once you are settled in the aircraft, a process that could take some time depending on your mobility, you'll be ready to go flying.

Your flight will normally last for the maximum of one hour. There will seem like a massive amount going on initially but, the more you fly the more familiar it will all become. The lessons build you up in stages, each one a brick, building on the

previous one, until you have a finished product. We all progress at different rates so the training is very much tailored to you and you cannot compare yourself to any other scholar.

After landing there will be a short debrief, this is just to summarise what you have learnt and set you up for what to expect on your next lesson.

Depending on weather and how your energy levels are you could well fly more than once in a day so it's important to be as rested as much as possible in the evenings during your flying days. Remember that there will be some self-study in the evenings. We totally appreciate that you may well have not opened a study book for many years so again we go at your pace. We would like you to attempt two ground exams during your time on the course. When the weather isn't suitable to fly you'll be doing some classroom tuition or self-study towards these exams.

There will be a break for lunch and although the process is structured the days will be tailored to your personal needs, health and energy levels. The days will usually finish around teatime/ late afternoon although you may well start and finish later due to the weather.

The evenings and rest days are yours to use with your fellow scholar as you wish – you will both be responsible for finding somewhere to eat. However, remember all of the above! It's very easy to burn yourself out and become ill in the critical final days.

The more you put into your scholarship the more you will get out of it and the more you will enjoy it. Your instructors will guide you through the process so it's very important that you listen to them and any feedback that you're given.