



PRESS RELEASE

Gloucestershire skies graced by young flyers

Six Gloucestershire young carers and fourteen aspiring engineers from Marling School, Stroud took to the skies on Saturday as part of the national Young Aviator's weekend. Members of the Gloucester branch of the Light Aircraft Association, based at Gloucestershire Airport in Staverton, offered free flights to the youngsters.

Many young carers take responsibility for the care of a family member, usually a relative – parent, brother or sister, grandparent etc. – who cannot manage independently due to a disability, long-term illness, mental ill-health, drug or alcohol dependency. Co-ordinating the event is registered charity [Gloucestershire Young Carers](#) which provides support, advice and respite for the carers, some as young as eight.

Airport Director, Mark Ryan said; "This is a great opportunity for these deserving youngsters to experience something a bit different and for the students from Marling School, it gives a taste of what's to come! We're delighted to be able to host this event. Our local pilots had very generously given their time and aircraft and we at Gloucestershire Airport waived our normal landing fees."

The [Light Aircraft Association](#) organises the Young Aviator's event every year to encourage youngsters to learn about and experience general aviation.

Quotes from our young flyers:

Adam Patel – "Great experience and will definitely try to fly again in the future"

Robert Lord – "Was amazing! Really good fun & extremely enjoyable! Pilot was brilliant and we had a great day thank you"

Tyler Harding – "Really good fun, enjoyed learning about the plane and the surrounding areas. Learned a lot in a short space of time and really loved the experience!"

Laurie Marriott – "Very fun, first time in a small aeroplane and loved it. Thanks!"