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## FLYING HIGH

Enhancing employability skills and confidence through languages

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2018  
at RAF Waddington, near Lincoln



Flying High will appeal to Year 10 and Year 11 students studying French, German or Spanish with particular interest in developing their **employability skills and languages**. Both the day itself and the prize will enable students to find out about the RAF and how they use languages.

### Overview

Research shows that 3 of the top 5 skills that companies value when recruiting are communication skills, teamwork and commitment. This challenge sets out to enhance all of these through the medium of foreign languages and team tasks. A qualification in a foreign language in itself helps to distinguish a student as a good communicator and over 60% of companies say that they need foreign language skills.

The RAF is all about flying, so we are using that as a theme for the day. This will be an opportunity for students to work with experienced RAF officers as well as international business people and expand their knowledge of how languages can improve their career opportunities. Not least, the RAF offers fantastic opportunities to those who speak other languages and can offer high-level linguistic training to suitable recruits.

### Outline of the day

The day will include:

- A challenge relating to RAF activities and integrating students' language knowledge into their teamwork
- A keynote talk from an RAF linguist
- A language taster in a language important to the RAF
- A presentation by the students using their target language
- An opportunity to talk to international business people
- An opportunity to find out about the wide range of career opportunities within the RAF



## Challenge Prize



The prize will be a choice between Unique Experience Day at an RAF Station for up to 12 language students from the winning school OR a unique bespoke event in the winning school. The RAF Station will offer a fantastic opportunity for the students to get an up-close and personal insight into the workings of a busy military unit whilst an event in school could offer fun RAF-based activities and career insights.

There will also be a prize for the runners-up, as well as spot prizes for individuals who excel and impress us.

## Application details

**Deadline:** Please register as soon as possible to avoid disappointment as we have a limited number of spaces, which will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. We will be happy to take a second team from your school. Our deadline is **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September**, although we will still accept applications after that date subject to availability.

**Age of students:** This challenge is aimed at language students in Year 10 and Year 11. Please note that students in each team should all be studying one common foreign language (French, German or Spanish).

**Applications:** Each team should have **6 students**. Please submit the **names** of the students, their **year group**, and the **language** your team would like to work in. Note that we will only reserve places against receipt of names, but you are welcome to advise us of your intention to take part so that we can keep you informed of availability. Each team should also send 200 words IN ENGLISH\* on why they wish to Fly High i.e. what would they like to learn or get out of the day  
\*Note: if the students would like to write this in the foreign language of their choice, we would be delighted, however it is not a requirement!

**Cost:** This event is £165 plus VAT per team and will include lunch and refreshments.

**Timing:** The day will run from 9.00am (registration) for a 9.20am start and finish at 3.30p.m.

**Terms:** Please note that once the invoice has been issued, the full £165 will be charged unless the place can be filled by another school.

### Please send your application electronically to:

*Sally Fagan, Business Language Champions,  
Email: [sally@blcevents.co.uk](mailto:sally@blcevents.co.uk)*

### Checklist for applications:

- Student names, year group and common language
- 200 word application from the team in English (note this is 200 words from the whole team and can be sent later)
- Name of your school
- Name, email and mobile number for the main contact



**On receipt of your application we will send out a confirmation of your place and a registration form for further details. If you have any queries about this challenge please ring Sally Fagan on 01949 860167 or 07967 699614 or email [sally@blcevents.co.uk](mailto:sally@blcevents.co.uk)**

*We would like to thank the RAF for hosting this event!  
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