

1147 SQUADRON NEWSLETTER



2024

Introduction

Founded on 6 March 1941, 1147 (Barking) Squadron has grown to become an accomplished and successful Unit within London Wing, boasting wide ranging opportunities. Our success is built upon a strong foundation of teamwork, leadership, and the unwavering dedication of our Staff and Cadets.

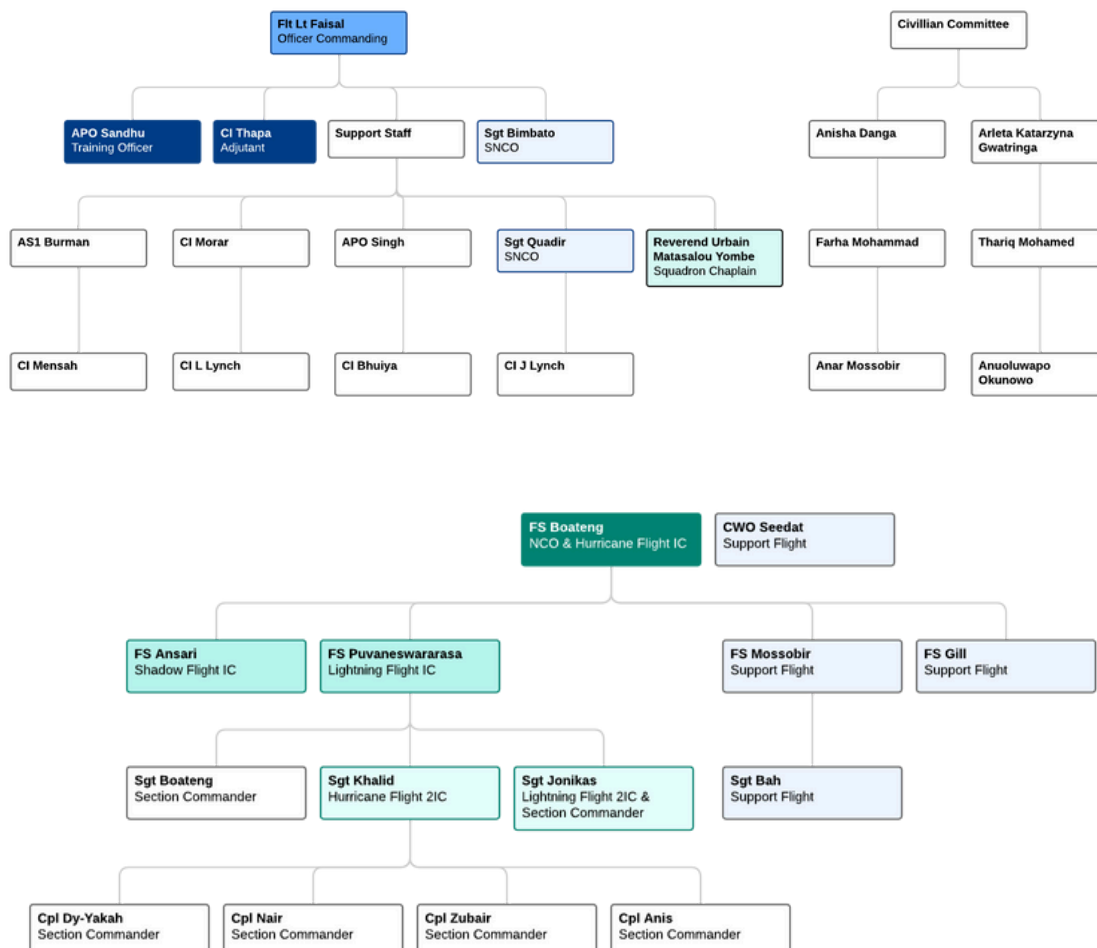
Over previous years, we have hit some incredible milestones that showcase the sheer dedication and talent of our Cadet cadre.

2024 was no exception. From local awards and accolades, to bringing back gold at London and South East Region Competition Day for First Aid and trial space competitions, we had an action packed year. Alongside the many other exciting events and activities, from adventurous to competition training, it's been a year full of success, growth, and fun.

These achievements are all just a testament to the hard work, ambition and talent of our young people.

At 1147 Squadron, our mission is to inspire young people to aim high, embrace challenges, and develop into confident, capable individuals. With a proud history behind us and a promising future ahead, we cannot wait to see the opportunities and successes that 2025 will bring.

Squadron Staffing & Cadet NCO Structure



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Training Figures

BTEC Qualifications

6 Cadets

Essential First Aid

44 Cadets

Flying

29 Cadets

Blue Leadership

51 Cadets

Bronze iDEA Award

42 Cadets

L98 Shooting

9 Cadets

Basic Swimming

19 Cadets

Gliding

15 Cadets

Youth First Aid

22 Cadets

This year, 1147 Squadron has excelled across a range of activities and achievements. Six cadets successfully completed their BTECs, while in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme, five earned Bronze, two Silver, and one Gold. In first aid training, 44 cadets completed EFA, 22 achieved YFA, 6 attained AFA, and 2 achieved Gold level.

Flying and gliding opportunities engaged 44 cadets, and leadership training saw 51 achieve Blue Leadership, 27 Bronze, and 6 Silver. Additional successes spanned music, navigation, radio and cyber training, shooting, and swimming awards.

It has truly been a remarkable year for 1147, showcasing our commitment to fostering well-rounded cadets.

CVQO Awards

Several of our cadets, aged 16 and above, successfully completed the CVQO BTEC in Teamwork and Personal Development in the Community this year. This prestigious Level 2 qualification formally recognises the invaluable skills that they have developed throughout their cadet career in leadership, communication, and teamwork. It turns these skills into a nationally recognised qualification, highlighting the lessons learned on our Squadron and improving their future educational and career prospects.



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West Essex Cup

The West Essex Cup is a key event for 1147, where Cadets from No.2 Sector Squadrons compete in activities such as first aid, drill, archery and more.

After weeks of preparation, our team delivered an outstanding performance, excelling across all events. While competition is at the heart of the day, it also provided a great opportunity for Cadets to connect and build friendships across the Sector.

We were proud to take home the trophy for the second year running - well done to the team.

Our thanks go to the Staff and Cadets who made the event possible. Here's to continuing this success in the years ahead!



Region Competition Day

Following first-aid victory at Inness Sword, a select few Cadets from the Squadron - FS Anesh, Sgt Boateng, Cpl Ehi and Cdt Okunowo - rose to the challenge of First Aid at a greater stage - Region Competition Day.

The event, hosted at RAF Northolt, brought together the winning teams from across LaSER. Featuring a series of challenging scenarios to mimic real world emergencies, our team's composure, communication and practical knowledge proved essential to raising the trophy in September.

This tremendous win was a culmination of dedication from the team, who attended a number of extra training sessions to achieve the winning standard. Well done!



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Poland

The Squadron's overseas trip, with No.2 Sector, to Poland was a memorable blend of history, adventure, and relaxation. In Krakow, Cadets explored the Old Town, visited Schindler's Factory, and toured the former Ghetto, gaining insight into the city's rich yet sobering history. They experienced the haunting reality of Auschwitz I and II, offering a powerful reflection on the past. To lighten the mood, the group enjoyed time at a VR Studio and a visit to Tatra National Park, tackling mountain biking trails followed by some relaxation time at the Chocholowskie thermal baths. A visit to the Salt Mines rounded off a trip that combined education, fun and challenge.



IACE Belgium

During the International Air Cadet Exchange in Belgium, participants had the unique opportunity to experience a variety of exciting and educational activities.

One of the highlights was a thrilling flight on the NH90 helicopter, offering a bird's-eye view of the stunning landscapes. Participants also enjoyed several glider flights, gaining hands-on experience in flight while learning the fundamentals of soaring.

A visit to the Luxembourg Parliament provided a fascinating insight into the political landscape of the region.

Additionally, the exchange included visits to numerous historic sites, enriching understanding of European heritage and culture.

This unforgettable experience not only fostered camaraderie among international Cadets but also provided our delegate with a unique perspective into the working world, around the world.



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Staff Awards

CFAV of the Year
CI Roshan Thapa

OC Commendation
Sgt Vitorio Bimbato



Cadet Awards

- Best Musician** - Cdt Haseeb Masanso
- Sportsperson of the Year** - Cdt Selvasajeen Selvasutharson
- Leadership Excellence** - Cdt Elijah Gwatiringa
- Most Improved Cadet** - Cdt Hafiz Mwanje
- Best Attendance** - Cdt Jajry Jaman
- Aviation Excellence** - Cpl Yusuf Anis
- Drill, Dress & Deportment** - Cdt Adam Mohamed
- Outstanding Recruit** - Cdt Bandeke Okunowo
- Outstanding NCO** - FS Anesh Puvaneswararasa
- Cadet's Cadet** - Cpl Aarya Nair
- Cadet Cup** - Cpl Dziuljana Jonikas
- Service Excellence** - FS Afsheen Ansari
- OC Commendation** - FS Maiya Gill



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Awards & Achievements

This year has been truly exceptional, marked by numerous achievements that reflect the dedication and talent of both our Cadets and Staff. 1147 has consistently showcased a steadfast commitment to excellence and making a positive impact.

Jack Petchey Awards

FS Paa-Kwesi Boateng
Cpl Yusuf Anis
Cdt Selvasajeen Selvasutharson

Deputy Lord Lieutenants Cadet

FS Paa-Kwesi Boateng

Community Awards

Outstanding Initiative in
Developing Human Capital

Outstanding Initiative in
Empowering Young People

Duncan Ngari Memorial Youth Icon

Flt Lt Sulaiman Faisal

Squadron Commander of the Year

Flt Lt Sulaiman Faisal



Promotions

CFAV

Sergeant Bimbato

Cadets

FS Paa-Kwesi Boateng
FS Afsheen Ansari
FS Anesh Puvaneswararasa
Sgt Barimah Boateng
Sgt Mahrosh Khalid
Cpl Aarya Nair
Cpl Dziuljanas Jonikas
Cpl Imani Dy-Yakah
Cpl Yusuf Anis



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News & Notices

1147 (Barking) Squadron is proud to announce its affiliation with the Worshipful Company of Plumbers, established together in 2024. This partnership reflects a joint commitment to fostering strong community connections and inspiring Cadets with a sense of tradition and excellence. The affiliation opens new opportunities for Cadets to engage with one of the City of London's historic livery companies, renowned for its various initiatives.

Additionally, the Squadron benefits from the leadership and guidance of its new esteemed President, Air Commodore Paul Nash OBE BSc Ret'd, whose distinguished career and dedication to youth development continue to inspire both Staff and Cadets alike.

A reminder to all Parents/Guardians that parking/driving in and around the residential area immediately outside of the Squadron is not permitted. We have seen vehicles parked both on the green directly outside of this area on Longbridge Road and to the side of the turn-in to the Squadron itself, obstructing incoming vehicles - This is illegal.

Finally, Squadron Staff are only to be contacted by parents/guardians via email in the first instance. Cadet NCOs should not be contacted.



Looking forward to 2025

NCO Development Course
(31/01 - 02/02)

Wing Training Camp
(21/03 - 23/03)

Wing Adventure Training Camp
(05/04 - 12/04)

Inness Sword Competition
(25/04 - 26/04)

Wing Athletics Competition
(Saturday 7th June)

Wing Field Day
(Sunday 21st September)

Okehampton Camp
(October Half Term)

Lord Mayor's Show
(Saturday 8th November)

Remembrance Sunday
(Sunday 9th November)