



Train Hard Fly Safe



618 Volunteer Gliding SQUADRON

GIC Joining Instructions

618 VGS, Royal Air Force, Odiham , Hook, Hants RG29 1QT

Your unit has been allocated a date for Cadet GIC course at 618 VGS

You should now confirm the **number of places**, the **date and arrival time** with 618VGS by looking at the allocation list on www.618vgs.org.uk or contacting the **618 Training officer** by email on training@618vgs.info

If you are concerned that the weather will prevent you flying, ring the VGS before commencing your journey, even if this will delay your arrival time.

The Gliding Induction Courses

Gliding Induction Courses (GIC) are designed to provide basic flight instruction to cadets.

They allow cadets to experience flying in a glider and handle the controls in a safe and controlled environment. The first time a cadet attends they will be given a GIC1. This teaches them about attitude and how to pitch. GIC2 revises GIC1 and teaches roll. GIC3 revises pitch and roll, teaches yaw and demonstrates stalling.

GICs are a great way for cadets to learn about the Vigilant and prepare themselves for the Gliding Scholarship.



The Vigilant T Mk1

The Vigilant T1 is a high performance Touring Motor Glider capable of operating up to 8,000 feet at speeds in excess of 120 knots. At 618VGS training in the Vigilant is usually carried out at up to 3,000 feet at between 55 and 70 knots

Check List

Below is a list of things you must bring along with you.

- Flying suit (if you have one)
- Soft soled shoes
- Sun glasses/Sun cream (When hot)
- 3822/Record of Service
- Food for the day

How to get to 618 VGS

You should report to the main Guard room on arrival and the staff will contact 618 VGS Operations. You will be able to obtain a Pass for your car or minibus provided you have some identification, but you will not be able to drive unescorted to HQ 618 VGS.

RAF Odiham is situated just south of the M3 to the east of Basingstoke. To get there, come off the motorway at junction 5 and take the A287 towards Farnham. At the 1st roundabout (within half a mile) take the B3349 towards North Warnborough. Stay on the B3349 and turn 1st left at the next roundabout (just past the petrol garage) and then straight across at the next roundabout heading towards Alton. This roundabout has the red military signpost for RAF Odiham. The station is on the left hand side

Alternatively use <http://www.multimap.com/maps/> and search for RG29 1QT for Directions.

The nearest Rail Station is Hook (South west Trains)

See the RAF Odiham Web Site Home Page for more details of how to Travel to Odiham

<http://www.raf.mod.uk/RAFodiham/aboutus/visitingus.cfm>

Internet: www.618vgs.org.uk

Email: training@618vgs.info

Officer Commanding:

OC@618vgs.info

Contact Details

If you have any questions, or need to advise of non-attendance, contact details are as follows:

618 VGS Operations
07776 227175
(Weekends Only)

618 VGS HQ
01256 702134 x7670
(Weekends Only)

Training Officer email:
training@618vgs.info

Attendance

Gliding takes precedence over all other Air Cadets activities. The resources put in place to accomplish your allocation are costly and any shortfall in the allocations must be explained satisfactorily to HQAC. Therefore you must make every effort to attend with the correct number of trainees.

RAF Odiham is a front line station and all cadets must behave appropriately. This includes arriving in uniform and ensuring Headgear is worn when not on the airfield. Coveralls will be provided for flying in the Vigilant .

Your party should arrive at the Main Guard room at least 15 minutes before the time allocated for your Flying. You will be allowed to leave once the courses have been completed. We cannot guarantee the time slots in advance so you should be prepared to remain at 618 until sunset or 1800 hrs. If you need to depart from Odiham at a specific time the Duty Instructor must be advised on arrival. In the event that your Unit staff member cannot remain all day, prior agreement must be sought from the Training Officer

Non Attendance

If you are unable to take up this allocation for any reason you must advise 618 Vgs Training Officer and your Wing Gliding Liaison Officer as soon as possible.

