

MISSION, INTERCEPTION - AT TWICE THE SPEED OF SOUND



If you were a Lightning pilot, you would be in control of one of the most advanced fighter aircraft in the world.

...and you could be the pilot in control

The first aircraft you fly will probably be the Chipmunk. You get the 'feel' of an aircraft in flight, learn the functions of the controls, fly your regulation 'circuits and bumps' and—great moment—fly your first solo. Next, the Jet Provost 3 (in the picture at right) and then, after your basic jet training, you move on to the more powerful Jet Provost 4 for night flying, instrument flying and formation flying.



Two years after you join the Royal Air Force, you could be flying a Lightning. Meanwhile you have had much training to do, both in the cockpit and in the classroom. Here, at the R.A.F.'s advanced flying school you would fly about 70 hours in the Gnat, the advanced jet training aircraft. It is extremely manoeuvrable, climbs steeply, and is supersonic in a shallow dive.



If you are thinking of a career in one of the professions, what matters most to you will probably not be the money (though obviously money is important), but the work you do: it should be interesting; it should 'stretch' you, and make full use of your faculties and talents; and it should have some meaning and significance in the world.

You may never have thought of a flying career in the Royal Air Force. But it could be, even so, exactly what you are looking for.

The life of an aircrew officer has many satisfactions. Good living standards, the chance to travel, good pay—at 21 you could earn over £1,000 a year. At 25, married and with full allowances, it could be over £1,900. You can leave at the eight or twelve year point with a gratuity of up to £5,000. Serve to the age of 38 (or for 16 years if longer), and you get a pension for life. And you have good prospects of being invited to serve on till you are 55.

Have you got what it takes?

Are you between 17* and 26? ☐

Have you got—or do you expect—G.C.E. at 'A' or 'O' level? (Minimum: 5 acceptable 'O' levels including English language and mathematics; or equivalent. One or two at 'A' level would definitely help.) ☐

Are you keen on sport and the outdoor life? ☐

The Royal Air Force is looking for young men of high intelligence, good flying aptitude, and the potential for leadership: could you be one of these? ☐

Do you want a career with a dash of adventure to it? ☐

You can read about aircrew commissions in the booklet **Flying and You**. For a free copy please write, giving your age and educational qualifications, to Group Captain J. W. Allan, D.S.O., D.F.C., A.F.C., R.A.F., Adastral House (GR 256), London WC1.

*You could be tested in advance at 16.

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