

Flying Start Challenge



The Programme:

Oct – Nov : Engineering Ambassadors visit schools and deliver presentations on the physics of flight and glider construction.

Nov - Feb : Gliders are designed and built, with young engineers from sponsor companies providing guidance, ready for the regional fly-offs. These take place around mid February in the Bristol, Gloucester/Cheltenham and Yeovil areas.

March : Winning schools and runners up from the fly-offs get to take their whole class to the finals day at the Fleet Air Arm Museum, Yeovilton, where they compete against other school teams at various engineering tasks.

The Finals Day is a well established event which is attended by over 200 pupils, roughly 70 graduate engineers, and VIP's. This year, guest speakers Richard Noble OBE and former Concorde pilot Captain Mike Bannister gave presentations on the importance of engineering.