

THE ORGANISATION OF THE AIR TRAINING CORPS

The 'Squadron' is the fundamental building block of the Air Training Corps (ATC) Organisation. A team of staff made up of Commissioned Officers, Adult Non-Commissioned Officers and Civilian Instructors independently runs each Squadron.

The Commanding Officer (CO), who is very much like a head teacher of a school, heads a Squadron. They usually hold the rank of Flight Lieutenant (Flt Lt) although if the Squadron is particularly large (over 100 cadets in size) they may hold the rank of Squadron Leader (Sqn Ldr). Other members of staff fill posts such as Adjutant, Training Officer, Squadron Warrant Officer.

Squadrons are grouped together to form a Wing. Each Wing, like every Squadron is commanded by a commissioned officer holding the rank of Wing Commander (Wg Cdr). Wing Commanders are not full-time and perform their duties like your Squadron staff on a voluntary basis. Wings will have a team of staff officers holding the rank of Squadron Leader and Flight Lieutenant to help the Wing Commander with their duties. 1475 (Dulwich) Squadron is part of **London Wing**. London Wing has 31 Squadrons (including 2 Overseas Squadrons based in Germany).

Wings are then grouped together on a geographical basis to form a Region. London Wing is one of six Wings that make up **London and South East Region**; the other Wings are Kent Wing, Essex Wing, Middlesex Wing, Surrey Wing and Sussex Wing. There are six Regions in all, each commanded full-time, by an officer holding the rank of Group Captain (Gp Capt) in the RAF Reserve. As with every Wing, the Regional Commandant will have a team of staff officers to help them with their duties.

There are six regions within the ATC: London & South East Region, Scotland and Northern Ireland Region, Wales and West Region, Central and East Region, North Region and South West Region.

The head of the Air Cadet Organisation (ACO), Commandant Air Cadets, holds the rank of Air Commodore (Air Cdre) in the RAF Reserve. Headquarters Air Cadets is located at RAF Cranwell in Lincolnshire.

	<i>Post:</i>	<i>Commanded by:</i>
Corps	Commandant Air Cadets	Air Commodore RAFR
Region	Regional Commandant	Group Captain RAFR
Wing	Wing Commander	Wing Commander RAFVR(T)
Squadron	Commanding Officer	Flight Lieutenant RAFVR(T) or Squadron Leader RAFVR(T)

Who's Who in the ATC

Honorary Air Commandant:

Commandant Air Cadets:

London and South East Regional Commandant:

London Wing Commander:

Commanding Officer, 1475 (Dulwich) Sqn:

