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RAF Coningsby has recently hosted its first-ever Jon Egging Trust (JET) Blue Skies session, where students from nearby Barnes Wallis Academy visited the base's fire section to learn first-hand about communication and teamwork.

The 15 students aged 13 and 14 then had an inspirational tour of the Typhoon hangar where they learnt about these impressive combat aircraft.

RAF Coningsby has supported JET's Inspirational Outreach programmes for several years, but now their staff have volunteered their time and skills to host the charity's Blue Skies programme. This means the young people, who previously travelled to bases further afield, now have inspirational role models and career ideas closer to home

A student from Barnes Wallis Academy said: "I felt really nervous and not capable of talking in a group. I feel like people have given me support and now I feel more confident and can talk in a group as an individual."

JET was set up in memory of Red Arrows pilot Jon Egging (Red 4) who tragically lost his life on 20th August 2011 whilst completing a display at the Bournemouth Air Festival.

The charity realises his dream of helping young people overcome difficulties, identify their strengths and work towards their ambitions and prove that every child can.