

31 Mar 06

WING PERFORMANCE – DUKE OF EDINBURGH’S AWARD SCHEME
INTERESTING FACTS & WING TARGETS:

1. This year ending today we as a Wing have gained another impressive total of awards. Not as good as 2004/05 when we were the best improved Wing in the A.T.C, but very credible all the same:

a.	Bronze	85 Awards – An above average year
b.	Silver	53 awards (our 2 nd highest total ever)
c.	Gold	20 awards – an above average year
	Total	158 - an above average year

Best performing units as can be seen from the attached totals is 1st 492, 2nd 2030 and 3rd 165 and credit is given to them and to you all for helping to reach the above totals. This is now the 50th year of the Duke Of Edinburgh’s Award and it would be a magnificent achievement if we were able to again be awarded the coveted title of the Best performing Wing in the A.T.C. This will take a lot of effort by your cadets and you if we are to try and do this. I believe we have the capacity and the motivation to certainly give his our best shot, and I urge you all to do what you can to get the awards we need for this year.

2. For your information (and targets for some who have asked), the best individual totals for a unit in a single DoE year (1 Apr – 31 Mar) are as follows:

a.	Bronze	479 with 45 awards	1986/87
b.	Silver	479 with 16 awards	1986/87
c.	Gold	492 with 19 awards	2002/03
d.	Total	479 with 61 awards	1986/87

3. Based on our performance when we won the Sir Roger Austin Sword, where we made an improvement on the previous year of some 53 Bronze, 39 Silver and actually a decrease of 5 Gold awards giving us a total of 233 awards. I have calculated that for the same improvement to put us in **contention** for the Sword for this current year we will need to gain the following:

a.	Bronze	We will need	minimum of	138 awards
b.	Silver	We will need	minimum of	92 awards
c.	Gold	We will need	minimum of	15 awards

d. Total We will need minimum of 245 awards

That would mean our best ever Silver and Overall total, and as you can see the quantity of Silvers is likely to be a real obstacle, although we can make that up with more of the other 2 awards. The total would again be our highest ever and is almost 25% of the entire Wing. A daunting task but one that is achievable if all units do their share.

4. I am disappointed that some 5 units did not gain any awards at all for 2005/06. They will all be visited in the near future to see why and what assistance can be given from WHQ and other units. It is quite simply not good enough especially as all but 1 do have BELA qualified staff!.

5. WE do already have 6 Bronze awarded 1 April, and 2 Silver and 4 Gold awards in the system so that is a good start!. I would urge you all to plan for the next 12 months and ensure we get our cadets the awards we know they can achieve, and see what we can do to reach the targets set. There will be more Wing led expedition/exploration places available this year than ever before, and that should assist. We have done it once, and I am quietly confident that we can do well this year – the 50th year of the Scheme.

6. If anyone has any queries or requires any support or indeed a DoE / MV Presentation, please contact either Flt Lt lles or myself who will do our utmost to assist.

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