

## Flight Global

### Case study



*We are currently recruiting for Elementary Flying Training Qualified Flying Instructors at RAF Cranwell/Barkston Heath. But what is it like working as a flying instructor for Ascent? Prefect QFI Tariq Lewis shares his view.*

“Since joining Ascent in mid-2022 I can say that my time continues to be thoroughly rewarding, challenging and enjoyable.

I joined Ascent having flown aerobatics and instructed out of a civilian flying school in London. I was also flying a Pilatus PC-12 out of London to various European destinations. These experiences helped me through the conversion to Prefect and subsequently my CFS instructor category. I enjoyed the course immensely as I saw my skills develop and learnt the military way of doing things. But make no mistake, it's a challenging course that will continually test you in a variety of ways!

The Prefect is a fantastic aircraft to fly. It combines manoeuvrability, power and stability, to provide a platform that is as useful as it is fun. Put this together with its modern avionics suite and Prefect is a great platform for us to teach the EFT syllabus, including Multi-Engine Lead In and Fast Jet Lead In courses.

I am based at RAF Barkston Heath and am fully integrated within the squadron structure, working alongside military counterparts. I have no doubt that the richness of experience provided by military and civilian QFIs working alongside benefits all on 57 Squadron, students and QFIs alike.”

*Ascent has been a trusted provider of innovative training systems since 2008, designing, developing and delivering world-class, bespoke training for the armed services, through the UK Military Flight Training Services (UKMFTS).*

**Classification:**

*A joint venture between Lockheed Martin and Babcock International, Ascent employs 410+ staff across six UK sites. We pride ourselves on our strong partnerships and understanding of our customers' needs, offering bespoke turnkey **training solutions** that generate mission-ready teams, through our unique blend of live and synthetic training.*

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