



Queen Mary's Grammar School

Headmaster: R J Langton, M A

March 2019

CCF RAF section competition

mRAST Competition Report

mRAST (mini air squadron trophy) was an endeavour set out by Mr Ridler to put Queen Mary's CCF on the national scale by having a competition, the first of its kind, open to younger years that happens before the A team competition to hone in their skills that they will need for the regional air squadron trophy, in a formal and realistic, competitive environment.

On Saturday the 16th of March, 20 cadets split into B and C teams attended the first ever mRAST competition hosted by Queen Marys grammar school, with 6 teams in total competing for the title of mRAST winners on that day.

The day tested a range of skills that varied from Air recce, first aid, RAF general knowledge, leadership abilities in the command task and the drill and turnout presentation. Fierce competition lasted throughout the day with no time wasted between events.

The most competitive element of the competition was drill as this was the main segment that the cadets had been preparing for, practising 2 to 3 times weekly during lunch times and after school. Sgt Sac Brian, who also runs the drill segment for regional AST was present to judge us in a very realistic and formal manner. After fierce competition, Queen Mary's B team placed second by 12 points (Mr Ridler did the maths and it was by 1.7% – a very small margin) with Queen Mary's C team following close behind in third place.

After totalling all scores from all events and averaging them, Queen Mary's B team took away the most individual and team prizes for the competition. The B team won 'overall team shields' for Command task and First Aid, and 3 prizes were handed out for top individual performances; Bradley Botfield and Ancic Mathews won the prize for top scorers in First aid and Ancic Mathews also won the prize for top scorer in Air Recce. Queen Mary's C team also took away the overall team shield for RAF general knowledge. The day ended with a tie for first place between Queen Mary's B team (lead by Ancic Mathews) and King Worcester school, with Queen Mary's C team (lead by Jacob Morrall) coming in at 4th place. However, there was only one shield and therefore a tie breaker was decided and thus Kings Worcester was named the 2019 mRAST winners.



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The whole day was a true success from a competitive and social point of view. The competition allowed cadets from different CCFs to interact share and develop ideas. The hard work that cadets from both teams put in really paid off resulting in a close competition between all schools. Squadron Leader Taylor, a prominent figure in the wider CCF commented on how the level of skill, determination and competitiveness was just as high as area AST competitions which was a huge testament to all the effort that the cadets have put in these past few months

However, this day would have not been possible without all the officers involved. Special thanks goes to Mr Ridler, Mr Smith, Mr Rendu and Mr Tolley who gave up their Saturday to come and support us and, in the running of the competition and all the hard work that they have been putting in behind the scenes to get the competition to be as amazing and rewarding as it was.

We also extend our gratitude to the sixth formers (6.2: Joshua Robbins, Chandan Jolly, Rohan Dhodia, Tim Crooks, Seb Kalican, Razeen Pathan. 6.1: Wayne Painter, Gurjivan Sohal, Kai Tolly, Ameen Mahmood, Devraj Jheet, Tom Watson and Matthew Treuge) who came in on the Saturday to help run the respective events and it would have not been possible without them.

Overall, mRAST was extremely rewarding. Through the competition, it has helped cadets who would have not tried for the A-team develop and nurture their skills and overall becoming RAF cadets. Hopefully, it is continued to be run for many years to come!

Ancic Mathews

(Pictures Below)



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Pictured Above: All the NCOs who helped out during the day



Pictured Above: Queen Mary's B team



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Pictured Above: Queen Mary's C team

