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Today, His Royal Highness The Duke of Gloucester KG GCVO was the Reviewing Officer for the Sovereign's Review at Royal Air Force Cranwell.

The Duke of Gloucester arrived on the College Parade Square escorted by the Commandant of the Royal Air Force College, Air Commodore John Lyle, to take the Royal Salute, with a spectacular flypast from the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight. After inspecting the parade of graduating officers, His Royal Highness presented prizes to the top performing cadets from the course and annual awards to the top performing cadets who have completed Modular Initial Officer Training over the last 12 months.

A fly-past by a Typhoon aircraft, from Number 29 Squadron based at RAF Coningsby, marked the conclusion of the parade.

The Commandant of the Royal Air Force College, Air Commodore John Lyle said: It is a privilege to welcome His Royal Highness The Duke of Gloucester to review our graduating officers as they embark on the start of their commissioned careers. I am incredibly proud of the young women and men that have been deemed to meet the high standards required to be an officer in the Royal Air Force, and to have the chance to showcase this to The Duke.

The Sovereign's Review witnessed the graduation of officer cadets from Number 36 Modular Initial Officer Training Course, Number 31 Commissioned Warrant Officer Course and Number 1 Commissioning Flight Sergeant Course.

After the Parade concluded, The Duke met with graduating officers, their families and friends in College Hall Officers' Mess before planting a Lime Tree in front of Station Personnel and children from both Cranwell Primary School and RAFAKidz nursery.

The Band of the Royal Air Force College provided musical accompaniment to the parade, under the direction of Flying Officer Tim Hynd, Director of Music.

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