



British Model Flying Association

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for the 2018 Flight Challenge visit

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Dear Sir/Madam

We are pleased to announce the launch of the British Model Flying Association 2018 Flight Challenges (formerly University and Schools Payload Challenges)

The British Model Flying Association is the United Kingdom's National Governing Body for the sport of model aircraft flying and one of its key aims is to increase interest in aviation and engineering through education.

The BMFA Flight Challenges require students to design, build and fly load-carrying model aircraft. The competitions have evolved to stretch the abilities of participating students and there is no doubt the development of a good aircraft requires each team to display design flair, technical knowledge and teamwork.

For 2018 we have introduced two new classes to the competition as a simplified starting point for first time competitors and as a less academically rigorous lead in to the existing challenges.

Judging is by a panel of professional engineers and the competition has attracted very favourable comment from external examiners, the challenge is partnered by the Royal Aeronautical Society and also enjoys the support of BAE SYSTEMS.

The competition benefits from cash prizes awarded to winning team members and their university/school department.

To enter your team complete the entry form on the final page of the appropriate brochure and post or Email to me at the address above along with the appropriate payment to register your entry(s) by the 1st February 2018, due to the continually increasing interest in this competition this year will see a limit on the number of entries accepted in order to maintain a viable schedule, be sure to submit your entries as early as possible in order to avoid disappointment.

A small entry fee of £50.00 per team (£25.00 for challenge 1) is payable on submission of entry form.



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The flying and presentation element of the competition will take place over the weekend of 1st 2nd and 3rd of June 2018 at the British Model Flying Association National Centre near Grantham in Lincolnshire (full details contained in all Rules brochures).

I look forward to meeting your teams at the 2018 Flight Challenge; in the meantime please do not hesitate to contact me should you require further information or assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Williamson', is written over a horizontal line.

Manny Williamson
Development Officer
(Challenge Co-ordinator)