

Training Tips

For student Microlight Pilots

Part Four

1. Save time and money by “Armchair flying” at home.

Practice your checklists and radio calls. Run through procedures like Altimeter settings and Circuit joins. Lessons cost around £2 a minute. Armchair flying is free.

2. Don't be afraid of the ground exams.

Your instructor will help you through. Some schools offer group evening classes to cover the ground subjects, others may offer one-to-one tuition. When a flying lesson is cancelled due to weather, consider using the time to study the ground subjects, either self-study or if possible, with your instructor.

3. Ask questions.

Your instructor will be pleased to help you. There are no stupid questions in aviation, and the more questions you ask, the faster you'll learn and understand the material. In aviation, you'll learn never to leave anything to chance. Everything has to be checked and double-checked to ensure the highest possible safety standards.

4. Mentoring

Take every chance to go flying as a passenger with a qualified club pilot. This is not a substitute for instruction, but a chance to experience what lies ahead after all the hard work!

5. Don't forget to have fun!