

What's it like?

Imagine standing at the edge of an open doorway in an aircraft flying at 10,000 feet - the noise of the engines and the wind ringing in your ears with only the outline of distant fields below. Now imagine leaning forward out of that doorway and letting go - falling forward into the clouds, diving down through the air as you start freefalling at over 120mph! Then imagine the peace and quiet as the canopy opens, the steering toggles come down either side of you and you begin a tranquil parachute descent from a mile up in the air, steering yourself back down to the centre of the drop zone below. Imagine being able to do this for FREE whilst harnessed to a professional freefall parachute instructor and at the same time being able to help a national charity! Stop imagining, it's real and it's happening all the time and you can be part of it...

What does the jump involve?

Technically the jump is called a 'Tandem Skydive'. It is a Skydive because you will be freefalling through the air (without the parachute deployed) for several thousand feet; it is in Tandem because you will be harnessed to a professional parachute instructor at all times throughout the descent (see front photo). This is the only way you can jump from such an altitude without spending thousands of pounds becoming a freefall parachutist. This is literally the chance of a lifetime!

This jump is also much less demanding than the traditional 'static line' jump as the jump and training are completed in one day and your instructor will be in control of your landing.

Points to remember:

- Jump and training completed in one day
- Harnessed to an experienced parachute instructor at all times
- Jump from at least 10,000 feet - just like the professionals
- Freefall down to 5,000 feet - falling through the air at 120 mph!
- Ride the parachute down to the ground - we teach you how to steer onto the drop zone
- Landing controlled by your instructor
- Certificate to prove that you have completed a 'two-mile high' Tandem Skydive!

What must I do to qualify for a free jump?

All you have to do is raise £500 in aid of New College Worcester by asking your friends and colleagues to sponsor you, using an online fundraising page which is simple to set up (JustGiving.com) and the sponsorship form which will be sent to you upon confirmation of your booking. Please do not be put off by this amount - if you ask everybody you know to sponsor you, you will find you can quite easily exceed the minimum and remember, every penny you raise over the minimum will be further contributing to New College Worcester and giving **you** the chance to make an exhilarating freefall parachute jump for FREE!

When can I jump?

New College Worcester has organised two special jump dates for you this year. Check their website for the details. If you are unable to jump on these dates please contact us on the number below to discuss the availability of an alternative date.

Where is the airfield?

The airfield is situated 15 miles north of Oxford. Once your online booking has been received and processed, full confirmation details will be sent to you, including a map and directions to the airfield.

Are there any restrictions on age or health?

For a tandem skydive you must be at least 16 years old and be under 15 stone in weight. Please note some centres have lower weight limits - please contact us for details. The principal medical restrictions are diabetes, epilepsy, fits, recurrent blackouts, heart or lung disease, mental illness and some cases of asthma. You will be required to sign a medical form before your jump declaring your fitness to take part - this will be sent to you upon receipt of your online booking but is also available on request. Those under the age of 18 will need the medical form signed by a parent or guardian; those with a medical condition will need it signed by their doctor.

Pre-existing physical conditions will not necessarily prevent you from taking part but please inform Skyline of any physical condition as this may affect the location of your jump. If you are in any doubt then please contact us for further information.

What about insurance?

You will automatically be covered for up to £2,000,000 third party insurance but this will not cover you for personal injury. Should you wish to take out cover for personal injury you should either arrange this through your own broker or you can contact us on the number below and we will send you a Personal Insurance Form.

How do I book my place for a FREE jump?

Simply complete your booking online at www.skylineparachuting.co.uk as soon as possible. Please note you must also provide a £70 booking deposit when you book online.

NOTE: We cannot start organising your jump for you until we receive your booking and appropriate booking deposit - please do this as soon as possible so that we can give you the date of your choice and so that you can start preparing yourself for what has often been described as 'the experience of a lifetime'!

Sponsorship Money

As soon as you can start to fundraise, the better. All donations received online will be paid direct to NCW. Any offline funds will need to be declared two weeks prior to your jump. As long as you have reached the £500 target, or can prove you are on track to, then NCW will request to be invoiced for your jump. You will not have to pay any monies over at the airfield, unless you wanted to book the photos/DVD.

If you don't reach the £500 target within two weeks of your jump, or you decide to self-pay, then you will be asked to pay £200 when you sign-in at the airfield.

Finally

We sincerely hope that you decide to give it a go - it has often been described as a thrilling 'once in a lifetime' experience and is an excellent way in which to raise funds for such a worthwhile cause. There will be lots of other people trying parachuting for the very first time on the day, so you are welcome to bring along your friends and family so they can watch you on a day you will simply never forget: The day you perform an exhilarating skydive or parachute jump in aid of New College Worcester.