



## Journey to Becoming a Boeing 777 Captain and How You Can Become One Too!

Captain Suzanne Morgan will share her journey to becoming a Captain with British Airways. She will also talk about the new Speedbird Academy and how to progress through the application process!

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2024

6 pm Doors open, 6:30 pm Lecture



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### Suzanne Morgan, long haul Captain on the Boeing 777 with British Airways

Suzanne had her love of flying ignited by her first flight sitting on her father's knee at the age of four in a vintage glider called Bluebell.

With a father who was a former RAF pilot and flew gliders and light aircraft when not being the City of Cambridge's Chief Highways engineer, a mother who edited a gliding magazine and an older brother who also shared the family passion and is currently a training Captain for EasyJet, she grew up surrounded by aviation minded people.

Having learnt to fly the aerobatic Bulldog trainer with the University Air Squadron while studying Physiology at UCL, Suzanne declined selection by the RAF as a pilot as, at that time, women were only offered careers as transport pilots. Instead, she joined British Midland in 1990 on their partially sponsored Air Transport Pilot Licence course.

Suzanne then flew short haul European routes for six years, before joining BA in 1998 to fly long haul. After two years flying the Boeing 747-436 and seventeen flying the Boeing 777, she achieved long haul command on the 777 at the first opportunity to do so.

As a mother to two teenage boys Suzanne went part time in 2001, the flexibility of bidding and swapping work in British Airways allowing her to manage childcare and fly on average three times a month, sometimes with her husband, also a 777 Captain. She is also a member of the BA recruitment team, interviews candidate pilots, is a mentor to students on BA platform Speedbird Z, a Menopause Champion at BA and has just finished two years as a Department of Transport Aviation Ambassador.

One of Suzanne's proudest moments in aviation was landing a 747 into San Francisco with her father on the flight deck jump seat (when such things were permissible). Another was seeing her sons, at a young age, fly in the glider Bluebell, where for her it had all began.

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18:00 - Doors open

18:30 - Lecture starts

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