

UK Space Firsts: Paraplegic Astronaut, Moon Mission Tracking, and New Spaceports

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1. Who is set to become the first person with a physical disability to live in orbit, following a recent agreement between the UK government and US company Vast?

- A) Tim Peake
- B) Helen Sharman
- C) John McFall**
- D) Rosemary Coogan

2. Which UK Earth station will play a crucial role in tracking NASA's Artemis II mission as it travels around the Moon?

- A) SaxaVord Spaceport
- B) Goonhilly Earth Station**
- C) European Space Agency
- D) UK Space Agency

3. Which Scottish location is home to SaxaVord, described as the UK's first fully-licensed vertical launch spaceport?

- A) Sutherland
- B) Unst, Shetland**
- C) Machrihanish
- D) Western Isles

4. Which UK university has recently joined the Axiom Space University Alliance to advance microgravity research and commercial innovation?

- A) University of Cambridge
- B) King's College London**
- C) University of Oxford
- D) Imperial College London

5. What is the primary purpose of the SaxaVord spaceport, according to its official description?

- A) To launch large communication satellites
- B) To support the launch of small satellites into polar and sun-synchronous orbits**
- C) To conduct human spaceflight missions
- D) To test deep-space communication technology

6. What significant event was planned for 2024 regarding UK launches, which has now been largely postponed to 2025?

- A) The first crewed mission to the Moon
- B) The launch of the Rosalind Franklin rover to Mars
- C) Orbital launches from UK spaceports**
- D) The deployment of the Moonlight constellation