



Holy Family Catholic School



May Careers Newsletter

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This Month's newsletter will focus on The Royal Airforce.

What we do?

Defending the skies of Britain and projecting Britain's power and influence around the world.

What The Royal Airforce Stands for?

The Royal Air Force is the United Kingdom's air and space force. It was formed towards the end of the First World War on 1 April 1918, becoming the first independent air force in the world, by regrouping the Royal Flying Corps and the Royal Naval Air Service. Following the Allied victory over the Central Powers in 1918, the RAF emerged as the largest air force in the world at the time. Since its formation, the RAF has taken a significant role in British military history. It played a large part in the Second World War where it fought its most famous campaign, the Battle of Britain.



Welcome to the next edition of the Careers Newsletter, this month we will look at The Royal Air Force, which is part of the British Armed Forces.

Roles in The Royal Air Force

These are just some of the roles in the RAF:

Engineering

Aircraft Technician (Avionics)
Weapon Technician
Aircraft Technician (Mechanical)



Security & Resilience Operations

RAF Regiment Gunner



Logistics

Supplier

Intelligence

Intelligence Analyst (Linguist)
Intelligence Analyst



For more information on roles within the RAF

[RAF Recruitment](#) | [RAF Roles](#) | [Royal Air Force \(mod.uk\)](#)

Apprenticeships RAF

An Apprenticeship in the Royal Air Force offers you the chance to gain a professional qualification as part of a challenging and unique career. RAF currently have 23 roles to choose from that come with apprenticeships rated outstanding by OFSTED. They are available in a broad and diverse range of careers including aviation operations, engineering, hospitality & Catering alongside of IT.

[RAF Recruitment | Apprenticeships | Royal Air Force \(mod.uk\)](#)



Skills Builder

These are useful skills to have if you are considering a career within the RAF.

Self-belief skills – you must believe in yourself, and that doesn't mean being arrogant.

Good communication skills and teamworking skills – the RAF is one huge team broken down into lots of little teams. ...

Good problem-solving skills – the RAF is all about overcoming challenges in a logical and often creative way.

Good organisation skills – flying squadrons and planes both depending on everything being organised! As an RAF officer you'll be leading others. ...

Self-management skills – you'll be trained from Day 1 but becoming your very best also comes from within. ...

IT skills – you'll often be trained to operate advanced technical equipment.



Entry Requirements

A minimum of 5 GCSE passes and above in core subjects (focusing on Maths and Science) You'll be expected to relocate to Fareham, Hampshire whilst training.

Have at least 2 A Levels/3 Highers at Grade C or above which must total a minimum of 64 UCAS points.

An example of requirements if you were to pursue a career as Air Crew Pilot on top of GCSEs etc, would be:

A citizen of the UK or holder of dual UK/other Nationality.

Commit to minimum of 12 years' service

Meet the health and fitness criteria

Pass a fitness test

Candidates must be able to swim



Royal Airforce Life

Life in the Royal Air Force is exciting and varied. When you join the RAF, you get access to a whole host of opportunities and benefits. You are paid right from the beginning of initial training, so you can start earning straight away. In addition to your pay, the RAF provides subsidised accommodation, food, and sport, as well as free health and dental care.

The opportunities don't end there. You can choose to play sport at multiple levels from representing the force on an international stage to playing casually on base with your friends. If adventure is more your thing the RAF has plenty to offer. Whether it be Adventure training on the weekends to travelling to areas of the world you never thought you'd see. Or perhaps you'd rather spend your spare time visiting friends and family. You will have plenty of opportunities to do all this and more with a role in the RAF.

Social Life, Adventures without limits

The RAF attracts people who want the most out of life, so there is always something going on. There are social events held regularly in the bars (known as The Mess) and clubs on base from bonfire night community events and family fun days. Most people in the RAF work normal hours, with weekends and holidays free to spend how they choose – but there are other opportunities at your fingertips. We organise expeditions and adventures at home and around the world in 100 activities. These could include Scuba Diving in the Red Sea, climbing in the Himalayas and kayaking the rivers of Canada, all while getting paid for it. RAF are also involved with the INVICTUS GAMES.



Parents & Guardians

Your family member will be part of a large community where wellbeing is at the forefront. Personnel's wellbeing is essential to enable our RAF Regulars to be fully effective in their duties. Advice and support services are available to help with everything from settling in to planning a foreign posting for them and their family.

If a family member has been successful in his/her application to join the RAF, you will receive an invitation to attend the Parents' Day at RAF Halton or Cranwell. Giving parents an insight into what the recruits will be going through over the next 10 weeks. The day also includes a talk with the Squadron Commander and a tour of the facilities available on site.

[RAF Recruitment | Parents and Guardians | Royal Air Force \(mod.uk\)](#)

What does The Royal Air Force do for the UK?

For over a hundred years the Royal Air Force has defended the skies of Britain and projected Britain's power and influence around the world. We work with our UK and international partners to watch the skies, respond to threats, prevent conflict, and provide aid in an uncertain world.

The RAF's Mission

To support the objectives of the British Ministry of Defence (MOD), which are to "provide the capabilities needed to ensure the security and defence of the United Kingdom and overseas territories, including against terrorism; to support the Government's foreign policy objectives particularly in promoting international peace and security".

The future of The Royal Air Force

With the Strategic Defence and Security Review not being out very long, let's look at the effect it will have on our air force.

Personnel will be increased by 300.

Typhoon will be retained for an additional ten years (until 2040) and will receive upgrades. Two additional squadrons will be stood up, bringing the total number of frontline Typhoon squadrons to seven by 2025. Tranche 1 Typhoons will form these additional squadrons with around 12 planes per aircraft.

There was a reaffirmed commitment to 138 Lockheed Martin F-35 Lightning IIs (with a total of 24 available to be deployed on board the Queen Elizabeth class carriers by 2023).

Nine Boeing P-8 Poseidon maritime patrol aircraft will be ordered to plug the gap left by the retirement of the Nimrod in 2011 and the scrapping of its successor, the Nimrod MRA4. The aircraft will be based at RAF Lossiemouth. The RPAS fleet will be doubled with the current 10 General Atomics MQ-9 Reapers to be replaced by more than 20 new armed "Protector" RPAS.

Fourteen C-130J Hercules aircraft will remain in service alongside 22 Airbus A400M Atlas and 8 Boeing C-17 Globemaster III.

Fourteen Voyager air-to-air refuelling aircraft will be in service by 2025, with one fitted for transport of the Prime Minister, senior cabinet officials and the Royal Family.

Around four Sentinel R1 will be extended in service "into the next decade" but will leave service by 2025.



What are the responsibilities of the RAF?

The UK and our allies face threats in an uncertain world, from unauthorised aircraft entering protected airspace, to cyber-attacks. Our Quick Reaction Alert (QRA) Force based at RAF Lossiemouth (northeast Scotland), RAF Coningsby (eastern England), and the Falkland Islands (south Atlantic), are ready to scramble state of the art Eurofighter Typhoons in minutes to intercept threats.

Prevent Conflict

We identify and manage threats before they materialise through intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance (ISR). We can rapidly deploy aircraft and personnel around the world to deter conflict and defeat our adversaries if necessary.

We are currently active across four continents with significant operations in Eastern Europe, South Atlantic, and the Mediterranean. Our proximity to unstable regions and potential adversaries provides the air power to curb threats and destabilising behaviour. The RAF also monitors potential threats to UK airspace 24 hours a day 365 days a year.



Useful Websites

[RAF Recruitment | Parents and Guardians | Royal Air Force \(mod.uk\)](#)

[RAF Recruitment | Life in the RAF | Royal Air Force \(mod.uk\)](#)

[RAF Recruitment | Career and Benefits | Royal Air Force \(mod.uk\)](#)

[RAF Recruitment | Find Your Role | Royal Air Force \(mod.uk\)](#)

[RAF Recruitment | Graduate Roles | Royal Air Force \(mod.uk\)](#)

[The Royal Air Force Quiz | HowStuffWorks](#)

[Which Air Force Career Is Best For You? - ProProfs Quiz](#)

OUR CORE VIRTUES



Awakening minds

Achieving dreams

Serving others