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For the attention of: All Head Teachers, Principals and Careers Staff

THE ROYAL AIR FORCE RECRUITING ORGANISATION – SERVICES TO EDUCATION

I have recently been appointed as the Royal Air Force (RAF) Senior Careers and Engagement Officer for the Mid and North Wales and West Midlands area. I have been in the RAF for just over 21 years and am delighted to have been given the chance to work in the locale engage with future generations of young people preparing to enter the work environment. I would very much like to come and visit you and your team to introduce myself and discuss further the **free of charge** services we can offer.

The RAF offers over **2 000 job opportunities** every year in a variety of specialisations including Engineering, Logistics, IT, Intelligence, Aircrew, Personnel Support, Airfield Operations and Medicine. In addition the Service offers **apprenticeships** in 21 different roles ranging from Mechanical Transport to Intelligence to Engineering. Opportunities exist to join the RAF in both full-time and part-time roles through regular or reserve engagement respectively. Applications are taken throughout the year and all information regarding joining can be found on the RAF Careers website (www.raf.mod/careers).

We acknowledge the foundations for future careers start in schools and colleges and therefore **we are committed to supporting you**. Indeed many of your past students have gone on to apply to the Royal Air Force in one of 55 plus different specialisations and in recognition of this we would like to offer you our platinum level service support.

What does this mean to you? Well, firstly, we have a variety of services we can provide, not just for those students interested in a career in the Military but also for all students regardless of future employment aspirations. These include:

- Careers Stand at your Careers Fairs.
- Presentations on the RAF, its Role and its Careers Opportunities.
- Interview Skills Workshops.
- Teamwork, Leadership and Communication Workshops run by our Outreach staff.
- Operation X – an immersive career focussed interactive learning experience.
- Staff and/or students to visit a local RAF Station to see first-hand the opportunities and the benefits available.



New for this year, in order to provide a better insight of the type of training conducted by the RAF, I am also offering a Personal Development Training session for you and your staff, where I will take you through some of the typical training activities we routinely use for the development of Leadership, Teamwork and Communication skills amongst our personnel throughout their Service lives. This session can be tailored to incorporate any training objectives you may see as beneficial to your staff/team and is a fun and novel opportunity to provide some additional insights and experiences about their own strengths and roles as individuals and when working within a team.

The purpose of these visits is not to recruit your students direct from school but to provide them with an awareness of some the opportunities available to them through the RAF and wider military once they have completed their studies, at whatever stage that may be.

In summary, **we are very keen to work with you and your team** to provide the best support to you and your students through a variety of interesting and informative activities. All activities provided to you are **free of charge** and are designed to educate and develop your students and staff.

If you are happy for me to visit to introduce myself and discuss potential further engagement please contact me via the e-mail address below.

I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

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