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Dear

Ref: FOI2020/00269/10/06

Thank you for your email of 08 January in which you requested the following information:

- 1. What proportion of Junior Soldiers who arrived to train without English or maths qualifications at Level 1 or 2 gained Functional Skills qualifications in these subjects at each level at the Army Foundation College, in each of the last five years.
- 2. How many Guided Learning Hours towards Ofqual accredited qualifications is a Long Course Junior Soldier required to complete while at the Army Foundation College, if they arrive holding:
- i) no recognised qualifications in English and maths;
- ii) English and maths qualifications at Level 2.

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. Question one has been answered within the table below. Please note that numbers have been rounded to the nearest 10 for presentational reasons, with numbers ending in 5 being rounded to the nearest 20 to prevent systematic bias. The data for the March 19 intake has not yet been published so is unable to be provided.

Academic Year (01 April - 31 March)	Intake	Total Graduates	No Maths Qualification on Arrival	Left AFC with No Qualification	Achieved Level 1	Achieved Level 2	No English Qualification on Arrival	Left AFC with No Qualification	Achieved Level 1	Achieved Level 2
2014/15	Sep-14	380	37%	9%	16%	12%	35%	1%	6%	28%
	Mar-15	210	42%	16%	19%	7%	29%	2%	12%	15%
2015/16	Sep-15	440	27%	11%	7%	9%	21%	2%	9%	10%
	Mar-16	210	34%	14%	14%	6%	20%	2%	11%	7%
2016/17	Sep-16	500	30%	8%	13%	9%	20%	0	8%	12%
	Mar-17	180	29%	10%	15%	4%	12%	1%	7%	4%
2017/18	Oct-17	500	18%	5%	8%	5%	12%	1%	5%	6%
	Mar-18	160	39%	4%	11%	24%	22%	4%	2%	16%
2018/19	Sep-18	390	15%	4%	7%	4%	15%	6%	3%	6%

In response to your second question, if an individual enrols on a long course with no recognised qualifications in English and maths they receive eighty hours of Guided Learning hours per functional skill. If they arrive holding English and maths qualifications at Level 2 they receive eighty hours of Guided Learning hours towards an ICT functional skill.

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Yours sincerely,

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