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Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for your email of 21 February in which you requested the following information:

*'Can you send me the breakdown of English and maths GCSE results of the most recent trainee soldiers for a) the long course; and b) the short course at the Army college in Harrogate?'*

*Can you also tell me how many trainees doing the long course did not do English and maths functional skills courses during their Phase 1?'*

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held.

1. Information on GCSE attainment declared and recorded for those candidates loaded to the September 2016 Junior Entry Short and Long courses at Army Foundation College, Harrogate is as follows:

GCSE Grade	Short Course - 18 Sep 16		Long Course - 25 Sep 16	
	Literacy	Numeracy	Literacy	Numeracy
A*	~	0	0	0
A	15	15	~	5
B	70	60	35	10
C	195	145	140	100
D	120	55	130	55
E	30	5	45	30
F	~	5	20	15
G	~	5	~	15
U	~	0	~	5
Not Taken	~	0	25	10
Unknown	15	10	120	60

Literacy totals include qualifications in both English language and English Literature so may include duplications. The numeracy records include all mathematics qualifications and so may also include duplications.

2. All Junior Soldiers on the September 2016 Long course undertake English and maths Functional Skills courses as part of the Apprenticeship programme, less those who have already achieved a Level 2 (GCSE A-C) award prior to arriving at the College. The Junior Soldiers that arrive with a Level 2 English and maths qualification progress to a Level 3 (A Level standard) BTEC qualification in Public Services. 140 Junior Soldiers from the current September 2016 Long course are undertaking the Level 3 BTEC qualification, having arrived at the College having completed their Level 2 English and maths qualification.

Figures have been rounded to the nearest five. Numbers less than five are shown with '-' in order to safeguard the confidentiality of individuals. The totals are estimates provided by the Army and do not represent Official Statistics.

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Yours sincerely,

Army Secretariat