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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 2 June in which you requested the following information:

I request to be given the following information on armed forces visits to state primary schools in Scotland between 2010-15 including; the name and address of the school; the date of the visit or visits; the amount and rank of personnel visiting; the subjects under discussion (please specify), and physical activity with pupils during the visit (please specify); the number of classes and years involved in the visit or visits; the job title of the person initiating the visit.

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). The Armed Forces do undertake visits to many state and private schools across the UK, but only at the specific invitation of the schools and colleges themselves. The purpose of these visits, agreed with the schools beforehand, range from raising awareness of the Armed Forces and their place in a democratic society, to practical sessions (aligned with the National Curriculum) designed to enhance teamwork, communications and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) skills, as well as building interest in the Services.

A search for the information has now been completed, and I can confirm that the Ministry of Defence holds some information within scope of your request, presented in the tables below, broken down by Service.

ROYAL NAVY

The Royal Navy does not hold details of the individuals that issued the invitation, and since 2012, does not hold information of visits by its personnel to primary schools in Scotland.

School	Date	Visitors	Activity
Arduthie Primary School	25 Jun 2010	Careers Advisor	Witness presentation by pupils on WW2
Balblair Primary School	2 Sep 2010	Marine	Support students rugby training
Cannich Primary School	2 Sep 2010	Marine	Support students rugby training
Clober Primary School	23 May 2011	Careers Advisor	Health Day
Gartcorner Primary school	25 May 2011	Careers Advisor	World of Work (expose pupils to different occupations)
Langbank Primary School	20 Apr 2011	Careers Advisor	World of Work (expose pupils to different occupations)

ARMY

The Army does not hold details of the individuals that issued the invitation, nor the rank and number of personnel attending.

2011/2012				
School	Town	Postcode	Date	Event Type
Boghall Primary School	Bathgate	EH48 1JB	09/06/2011	Presentation
St Bartholomew's Primary School	Glasgow	G45 9TR	13/05/2011	Attendance at a "I can do anything" conference
Carleton Primary School	Glenrothes	KY7 5DN	13/03/2012	Support to a school project
Our Lady's Primary School	Perth	PH1 2LG	21/05/2011	Community project
St Dominic's Primary School	Crieff	PH7 3SB	28/06/2011	Meeting with a teacher
2012/2013				
Colinton Primary School	Edinburgh	EH13 0AL	15/06/2012	Attend school open day
Blackfriars Primary	Glasgow	G5 0SS	28/02/2013	Attend a careers fair
2013/2014				
Colinton Primary School	Edinburgh	EH13 0AL	14/06/2013	Community Engagement

ROYAL AIR FORCE

There have been no official RAF visits to primary schools in Scotland between 2010 and 2015.

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, 1st Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.ico.org.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

Defence People Secretariat