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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 23 July requesting the following information:

'I would like to request the following information for the period of 1 March 2012 to 23 July 2015 regarding visits made to schools made by Army personnel or individuals representing the Army:

- (1) the name of the school*
- (2) the location of the school*
- (3) the date of the visit*
- (4) the type of activity carried out during the visit*
- (5) whether the visitors representing the Army were - or included - staff from Capita.'*

I am treating your correspondence as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). To answer your questions in turn:

(1-4) The requested information held relates to Army in Education activities and is shown in the attached table. It has been arranged in alphabetical order by educational establishment, where recorded. The information held relates to the period from 1 March 2013 onwards. We will not be able to provide information prior to this date this without exceeding the appropriate limit. This is because to retrieve and collate information in scope of your request would involve at least 7 man days of effort.

Section 12 of the Act makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the appropriate limit, which for central government is set at £600. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3.5 working days in determining whether the department holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting it.

(5) The profiles of visiting staff are not recorded for each visit. However all visits since March 2013 will have been conducted by Army and/or Capita staff.

As part of the Army in Education outreach programme, the Army has continued to maintain a presence in educational establishments, with the aim of providing advice to young people in academic Year 9 and above on careers in the Army. Activities include careers presentations; curriculum support activities (such as Science, Technology Engineering and Mathematics,

preparation for the world of work, mock interviews, and human rights presentations); attendance at Careers Fairs, and Personal Development Activities.

The Army does not recruit in schools. The Army only visits educational establishments when specifically invited to do so.

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, <https://ico.org.uk/>.

Yours sincerely,

Army Secretariat

Attachment:

List of educational establishments engaged in Army in Education activity from 1 March 2012 to 23 Jul 2015.