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Thank you for your email of 24 January requesting the following information:

Please provide the following information. I would like to know the number of visits by the British Army to schools in Scotland in the years 2014 and 2015. Particularly:

How many times did the Army visit each of the schools and on what dates did they visit?

What year groups in those schools were visited?

Lastly, what kind of activity did the Army carry out in each case? (e.g. recruitment, curriculum session, presentation, careers advice, outdoor activities, other(please specify))?

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

The requested information held relates to Army In Education activities and those for period 2015/16 are shown in the attached table.

The information held relating to Army In Education activities for the period 2014/15 is exempt under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), because it is reasonably accessible to you by other means. It is already in the public domain in the list of Army In Education activities across the UK from March 2013 to July 2015, at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/foi-responses-published-by-mod-week-commencing-2-november-2015>.

The specific year groups for all activities are not recorded. However Army In Education activities only involve those in Year 9 and above.

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.

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Yours sincerely,

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