

Ministry of Defence Main Building Whitehall London SW1A 2HB

Reference: FOI2018/11436

Reply to:

4 October 2018

In your email of 1 August 2018 you requested the following information:

"I am writing to request information regarding the MoD's Independent Education Costs/Private Education costs.

I would like to know the funding provided by the MoD as Independent Education costs to schools in Bristol (with a BS postcode) over the last five academic years, with the following breakdown:

- The name of the school, and the yearly breakdown of the MoD Independent Education funding it received.
- The number of recipients for each of the schools for each of the years
- The rank of parent recipients of the Independent Education funding, also broken down according to school.
- Whether the recipient was based in the UK or overseas when receiving the funding
- the maximum received by a recipient during this period, and the average received for 1) primary schooling and 2) secondary schooling (11-18)"

On 7 September you clarified that your request concerns:

"For ['Regarding "the maximum received by a recipient']

I would like the figures for both the maximum received by an individual recipient and the maximum received by an individual school

and for ['during this period']

I would like the figures for any single year during the five year period"

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

Thank you for the clarification. I can confirm that the Ministry of Defence holds some information within scope of your request.

The information you have requested is provided at Annexes A to G to this letter.

Annexe A provides the data you requested when you clarified your request on 7 September 2018. Annexes B to G provide the data we hold within scope of your unclarified request of 1 August 2018.

In accordance with the Data Protection Act (DPA) and our obligations in relation to the protection of confidentiality when handling personal data, Section 40(2) has been applied to the information to protect personal information as governed by the DPA and to reduce the possible inadvertent disclosure of individual identities. Section 40 is an absolute exemption and there is therefore no requirement to consider the public interest in making a decision to withhold the information.

The figures provided in this response have therefore been rounded to the nearest 10, where "-" denotes zero, "~" denotes a number less than or equal to five.

Under Section 16 of the FOI Act I can advise you that the tables in the Annexes use the NATO Rank system. You may therefore wish to note that a conversion of the NATO Rank Codes to UK Service Ranks is available at this link:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\_data/file/28057/Kkeytorankcoed.pdf

I can also provide you with the following advice regarding Continuity of Education Allowance (CEA):

CEA is provided to eligible Service personnel to assist them in achieving continuity of education for their children that would otherwise be denied in the maintained day school sector if their children accompanied them on frequent and consecutive assignments.

The allowance may be claimed for Service children from the beginning of the academic year in which they reach the age of 8 until the end of the stage of education during which they reach the age of 18 providing the Service person continues to meet the eligibility criteria.

CEA is available to all Service personnel of any rank, subject to them satisfying the eligibility criteria. Claimants must be accompanied by their immediate family at their duty station and any child for whom CEA is claimed must complete the stage of education at the school for which the allowance has been claimed.

Service personnel may select from a wide variety of schools across the United Kingdom from within the independent and state maintained sectors. In order to be admissible for the purposes of CEA, a school must offer full boarding facilities and be: registered with the appropriate UK education department; subject to Ofsted inspection and, in the case of independent schools, they must be a member of an organisation affiliated to the Independent Schools Council or the Scottish Council for Independent Schools.

It is a condition of CEA that each claimant is required to make a contribution of at least 10% of the fees for each child for whom the allowance is claimed. Payment is capped, with any fees beyond that cap being the responsibility of the parent.

If you wish to complain about the handling of your request, or the content of this response, you can request an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, Ground Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall,

SW1A 2HB (e-mail <u>CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk</u>). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may raise your complaint directly to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not normally investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website at <a href="https://ico.org.uk/">https://ico.org.uk/</a>.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

Yours sincerely,

Defence People Secretariat FOI

## CEA STATS ON SCHOOLS IN BRISTOL AREA

#### SPEND BY ACADEMIC YEAR

	£				
School	13/14	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18
Badminton School	98,000	96,000	132,000	100,000	90,000
Clifton College	647,000	696,000	684,000	821,000	722,000
Sidcot School			20,000	42,000	35,000
South Gloucestershire and Stroud	4,000	4,000			
College					
Tockington Manor School	28,000	61,000	130,000	143,000	148,000
Total	777,000	857,000	966,000	1,106,000	995,000

(All financial data rounded to nearest £1,000)

## HIGHEST AMOUNT RECEIVED BY SERVICE PERSONNEL BY ACADEMIC YEAR

13/14 - £93k

14/15 - £82k

15/16 - £87k

16/17 - £94k

17/18 - £99k

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## CLAIMANTS BY RANK + ACADEMIC YEAR + UK/OVERSEAS - ACADEMIC YEAR 13/14

School	OF2	OF3	OF4	OF5	OF6	OR4	OR7	OR9	Total
Badminton School Overseas			~						~
UK Badminton School - Total			~	~ ~		~ ~		~ ~	~ ~
Clifton College Overseas UK Clifton College - Total	~ ~ ~	~ 10 10	10 10	~ ~	~ ~		~ ~		30 30
South Gloucestershire and Stroud College Overseas South Gloucestershire and Stroud College Total	~ ~								~ ~
Tockington Manor School UK Tockington Manor School - Total		~ ~							~ ~
Total	~	10	10	~	~	~	~	~	35

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#### CLAIMANTS BY RANK + ACADEMIC YEAR + UK/OVERSEAS - ACADEMIC YEAR 14/15

School	OF2	OF3	OF4	OF5	OF6	OR4	OR6	OR9	Total
Badminton School									
Overseas			~						~
UK				~		~		~	~
Badminton School - Total			~	~		~		~	~
Clifton College									
Overseas	~	~			~				
UK	~	10	10	~					25
Clifton College	~	10	10	~	~				30
South Gloucestershire and Stroud College									
Overseas	~								~
South Gloucestershire and Stroud College Total	~								~
Tockington Manor School									
Overseas							~		~
UK		~							~
Tockington Manor School - Total		~					~		~
Total	~	10	10	~	~	~	~	~	40

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#### CLAIMANTS BY RANK + ACADEMIC YEAR + UK/OVERSEAS - ACADEMIC YEAR 15/16

School	OF2	OF3	OF4	OF5	OF6	OR2	OR4	OR7	OR8	OR9	Total
Badminton School Overseas UK Badminton School - Total				~ ~			~ ~ ~		~ ~	~ ~	~ ~ ~
Clifton College Overseas UK Clifton College - Total	~ ~	~ 10 10	~ 10 10	~ ~ ~	~ ~ ~	~ ~					~ 20 30
Sidcot School Overseas Sidcot School - Total		~ ~									~ ~
Tockington Manor School UK Tockington Manor School - Total		~ ~						~ ~			~ ~
Total	~	20	10	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	40

#### CLAIMANTS BY RANK + ACADEMIC YEAR + UK/OVERSEAS - ACADEMIC YEAR 16/17

School	OF2	OF3	OF4	OF5	OF6	OR3	OR4	OR6	OR7	OR8	OR9	Total
Badminton School Overseas UK Badminton School - Total		~ ~		~ ~			~ ~	~ ~		~ ~	~ ~	~ ~ ~
Clifton College Overseas UK Clifton College - Total	~ ~	~ 10 10	~ 10 10	~ ~ ~	~ ~ ~	~ ~			~ ~	~ ~		20 30
Sidcot School UK Sidcot School - Total		~ ~							~ ~			~ ~
Tockington Manor School UK Tockington Manor School - Total		~ ~	~ ~						~ ~			10 10
Total	~	10	10	~	~	~	~	~	10	~	~	50

#### CLAIMANTS BY RANK + ACADEMIC YEAR + UK/OVERSEAS - ACADEMIC YEAR 17/18

School	OF2	OF3	OF4	OF5	OF6	OR4	OR6	OR7	OR8	OR9	Total
Badminton School UK Badminton School - Total				~ ~			~ ~			~ ~	~ ~
Clifton College Overseas UK Clifton College - Total	~ ~	~ ~ ~	~ 10 10	~ ~	~ ~	~ ~			~ ~		20 20
Sidcot School - Total Overseas UK Sidcot School - Total			~ ~						~ ~		~ ~ ~
Tockington Manor School UK Tockington Manor School - Total		~ ~						~ ~			~ ~
Total	~	10	10	10	~	~	~	~	~	~	30

## HIGHEST AMOUNT RECEIVED FOR JUNIOR & SENIOR STAGES BY SCHOOL + ACADEMIC YEAR 2013 - 2018

13/14 Junior - Badminton School Senior - Clifton College	£ 29,000 647,000
14/15 Junior - Tockington School Senior - Clifton College	£ 61,000 676,000
15/16 Junior - Tockington School Senior - Clifton College	£ 87,000 610,000
16/17 Junior - Tockington School Senior - Clifton College	£ 90,000 772,000
17/18 Junior - Tockington School Senior - Clifton College	£ 66,000 710,000