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Dear [REDACTED],

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence of 3 February 2023 in which you requested the following information:

'Sandhurst and Dartmouth ( years 2020,2021 and 2022).In these years,by year,how many of the intake were privately educated? How many were state educated. Figures for both intakes. Again in both how many of the intakes were from a)BAME community b)LGBT community c) In both how many females ( to state if from categories a or b d)How many were from overseas.'

Your enquiry has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act).

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

In response to your request, information detailing the yearly intake figures for both Royal Military Academy Sandhurst (RMAS) and Britannia Royal Naval College Dartmouth (BRNC) for the years 2020, 2021 and 2022, can be found detailed to Annex A of this letter.

Please be advised that no recorded information is held on the number of Officer Cadet intakes at RMAS or BRNC from the LGBT community as requested in part B of your request, as this information is not recorded for Officer Cadets.

Under section 40(2) (Personal Information) figures have been rounded in line with disclosure control to avoid the inadvertent identity of individuals which would put us in breach of our obligations in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018.

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

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 [CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk](mailto:CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk)). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

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Yours sincerely

Navy Command Secretariat - FOI Section

**Total Royal Navy Officer Cadet Intake, by Education Background, Calendar Years 2020-2022:**

	2020	2021	2022
<b>Total Officer Cadets</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>400</b>
<i>Of Which: Privately Educated</i>	-	30	90
<i>State Educated</i>	-	90	190

Source: BRNC

1. Figures have been rounded to the nearest 10 in line with disclosure control policy. Figures ending in 5 are rounded to the nearest 20 to avoid bias, 5 or fewer is represented by '~', 0 is represented by '-'. Total and sub-totals have been rounded separately and may not equal the sum of their rounded parts
2. Education levels for RN Officer Cadets are only available from 2021 intake
3. Officer Cadets may choose not to declare education levels.
4. Please note Royal Navy do not hold individual Female/BAME figures at each education level.

**Total Royal Navy Officer Cadet Intake, by Ethnicity, Gender, and those from Overseas, Calendar Years 2020-2022:**

	2020	2021	2022
<b>Total Officer Cadets</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>400</b>
<i>Of Which: From Overseas</i>	40	50	60
<i>BAME</i>	N/A	N/A	10
<i>Female</i>	40	70	80

Source: BRNC

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2. BAME figures for RN Officer Cadets are only available from 2022 intake.
3. Please note Royal Navy do not hold individual Female/BAME figures for overseas personnel figures.
4. Black, Asian, and Minority Ethnic (BAME) Now the widely used terminology, as a collective descriptor for non-white citizens (including those of mixed ethnic origin), across Whitehall, other public sector bodies and the third sector, as well as among Civil Service race staff networks and their cross-Whitehall umbrella body, the Civil Service Race Forum.
5. Ethnicity data is self-reported on the Joint Personnel Administration (JPA) system. Any percentages or figures quoted within this report relate to those with a known ethnicity as reported on JPA.

**Total Army Officer Cadet Intake, by Education Background, Calendar Years 2020-2022:**

	2020			2021			2022		
	Total	Female	BAME	Total	Female	BAME	Total	Female	BAME
<b>Total Officer Cadets</b>	<b>620</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>580</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>40</b>
<i>Of Which: Privately Educated</i>	270	40	10	270	30	10	240	30	10
<i>State Educated</i>	350	50	20	330	40	20	340	30	30

Source: Sandhurst

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**Total Army Officer Cadet Intake from Overseas, Calendar Years 2020-2022:**

	2020	2021	2022
<b>Total Officer Cadets</b>	<b>620</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>580</b>
<i>Of Which: From Overseas</i>	100	120	110

Source: Sandhurst

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2. Please note Army do not hold individual Female/BAME figures for overseas personnel figures.

**Total Army Officer Cadet Intake by Gender and Ethnicity, Calendar Years 2020-2022:**

	2020		2021		2022	
	Total	BAME	Total	BAME	Total	BAME
<b>Total Officer Cadets</b>	<b>620</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>580</b>	<b>40</b>
<i>Of Which: Female</i>	80	~	60	~	70	~

Source: Sandhurst

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