

RAF Careers Talk Inspires Year 10 and 11



This week, Sergeant Mears from the Royal Air Force (RAF) visited CHA to talk to Year 11 & 10 students to share his extensive experience and insights into careers in the RAF. With a remarkable 22 years of military service, including 8 years in the Royal Marines Band and 14 years in the RAF Music Service, Sergeant Mears brought a wealth of knowledge to the session, highlighting the various opportunities available in the RAF.

During his talk, Sergeant Mears explained the wide range of careers the RAF offers, from engineering, medical roles, cyberspace, security and resilience, legal, air space operations and people operations including photographers and PT instructors.

The session also provided valuable information for students interested in pursuing apprenticeships with over 20 different types of apprenticeships available and starting salaries of £25,000 for Year 11 leavers. Sergeant Mears emphasised how these programmes combine practical training with real-world experience, setting the foundation for a successful career within the RAF. He spoke about the benefits of joining the RAF, not only in terms of career development but also the opportunity to travel, make lifelong friends, and serve the country.

Students were encouraged to ask questions, and many took the opportunity to learn more about the lifestyle and benefits of joining the RAF. The session left Year 10 and 11 students with a clearer understanding of the vast and exciting opportunities available within the Royal Air Force, inspiring many to consider a future in the military.