



## Introduction

Our founding purpose dates back to 1758, and since the mid 19th century we have had a strong connection supporting the military community. Our boarding school has provided a home and education to students from military families for over a century. On Remembrance Day 2024, our Executive Headteacher formally committed the school to our Armed Forces Covenant pledges in the presence of Air Commodore Patrick Shea-Simonds, keynote speaker for 2024.



## Key Impact Metrics

Total number of military students on roll 24/ 25	Average number of military students educated at RAAS	Number of RAAS Council members with military connections	Number of MOD focused events supported or attended in 24/25
131	over 10% of students on roll	3 out of 23	7

## Impact by Goals

### Goal 1: Direct Support & Investment

**Stability:** We mitigate the effects of military mobility by providing Service Children with the continuity of boarding education and a stable base throughout their parents' service.

**Wellbeing:** £39,780 Service Pupil Premium (SPP) invested in targeted support this year, which included: dedicated coordinator; Counselling and EAL support; trips and events.



**Employment:** We are committed to being an Armed Forces-friendly employer. Our Executive Headteacher attended an MOD engagement event hosted by Army Air Corps about the benefits of employing veterans and reservists.

### Goal 2: Community & external engagement

**Prominent Figures Reinforce Military Links:** We leverage the deep experience of our military-affiliated community through:

**RAAS Advisory Council:** members offering advice to our governing bodies include Brigadier Andy Garner OBE, MBE; Canon Peter Bruinvels MBE, DL (a longstanding member providing continuous support for military students); and Ryan Ramsey (former submarine Captain).

**Keynote Speakers:** Featuring Ryan Ramsey for Founders' Day and Rev'd Prof Alison Baverstock MBE (Reading Force founder) for Remembrance Day 2025.

**Events:** We support various MOD connected events including the Surrey Poppy Appeal launch for Royal British Legion. Most recently, our cadets and Head Students had a key role in the B-17 Flying Fortress Memorial Service on Reigate Hill, laying a wreath for the nine American airmen lost in 1945; the accompanying reception was hosted at RAAS.