

Past pupil profile

Mathew Roberts



Years at Read School: 2012-2017
(Year 9 to Upper Sixth)

Subjects Studied:

A-levels in Maths (C), Physics (B), Chemistry (C)

Pathway since leaving Read:

On completion of my A-levels in the summer of 2017 I applied to join the British Army as a Gap Year Commission Officer. Here the school, and its Combined Cadet Force, which I massively enjoyed, supported my application. This was fundamental in my passing of the Army Officer Selection Board.

In the September of the same year I attended the commissioning course short at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst, becoming a 2nd Lieutenant in the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (REME).

From Sandhurst I was posted to 4 Battalion REME and spent the next 9 months travelling from Canada to Germany (with some time skiing in the French Alps) with the Army, having the privilege to lead some of the army's most intelligent soldiers.

In September of 2018 I began Studying Mechanical Engineering at the University of Manchester under an Army Bursary. On completion of my degree I will be returning to the armed forces to continue my career as a regular Officer.

Memories of Sixth Form

I always look back with extreme fondness of my time at Read School, especially Sixth Form. Here having our own space and independence, made for a fun, relaxed but studious environment.

Of course, some of the best memories are the times I had in that common room making some of the closest friends I have to this day.

Outside of the common room my time spent in the CCF was greatly enjoyed, attempting to lead and teach cadets made for an interesting challenge. Trips through the CCF, to Cyprus and then parachuting in Netheravon are highlights of my school career.

Times spent on Duke of Edinburgh expeditions come quickly when I think back to my time at the school. Trying to navigate around the Yorkshire Dales for multiple days proved challenging but ultimately rewarding, getting a much-deserved ice cream on the final day!

Within the school the relationships formed both with my peers as friends, and teachers as mentors have created some of the best times, I have in my life so far.

I thoroughly believe that my grounding and the opportunities presented to me while at the Read School have allowed to pursue what is my dream job.

Advice for Potential Students

Say yes wherever you can! At Read there are countless, educational, travel and recreational opportunities presented to you. By taking advantage of them you truly will be able to do anything you set your sights to.