

Alumni in the Spotlight

Name: Jake Barrett-Chapman

Job Title: Officer Cadet at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst

Company: Aston University

Year that I left Copley: 2014



What was your dream job when you were 10?

To be a soldier in the army

What did you do when you left Copley?

Went to Welbeck Defence Sixth Form College where I got A,B and a C in Maths, Business Studies and Physics. I then attended Aston University studying Mechanical Engineering achieving a 1st. Then started at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst training to be an army officer.

What do you do day-to-day in your job?

Currently in army officer training so my days consist of leadership training, physical exercise and problem solving.

What skills and attributes do you need to do your job well?

You need to be physically and mentally robust in order to deal with the high tempo of training, lack of sleep and long days. You also need to approach each situation with an open mind as you cannot dwell on what had happened previously in the day good or bad. A high level of discipline is required so you can do the small things right even when people aren't looking. All of this joins together so that you can get through training and command soldiers in very demanding environments.

What is your favourite part of your job?

I would have to say the different people you meet throughout the army each having their own background and unique take on different problems. It allows for you as a junior officer to take on the challenge of dealing with different problems that may arise but this is one of the great privileges of command.

What is your favourite memory of Copley?

My favourite memory of Copley is meeting people who you can consider to be close friends who to this day remain in contact with.