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Current role: Linguist (Intelligence Analyst Voice) in the Royal Air Force

Career pathway:

I joined the Royal Air Force in September 2010. After completing my Basic Training, I was admitted onto a language course at DISC (now the Defence Centre for Languages and Culture - DCLC) Chicksands, where I studied Pashto (one of the afghan native languages).

Two and a half years later, I was selected to begin my second language course studying Arabic at DCLC Shrivenham in Wiltshire, which I graduated from in December 2016 to become a fully qualified Arabic Linguist.

Advice for students:

Becoming a professional linguist had been a life long dream ever since I was introduced to languages by Thomas Telford School in the first year. The academic demands for a linguist are high but rewarding. The effort that you put into your school career will reflect well in your working career.

Best memory of your time at Thomas Telford?

My best memory would have to be the Friday afternoon football sessions for the Thomas Telford School "C" Team. We may not have been as competitive as the other School Football Teams, but they were a great bunch of lads to have a kick around with after school to let off a bit of steam.

