Mr O Everett
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Dear Mr Everett,

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence dated 16 January 2013 requesting information on Royal Navy university bursaries and cadetships for the recent academic year. Your enquiry has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please find attached at the Annex the Department’s substantive response to your request for information.

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Deputy Chief Information Officer, 2nd Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail xxxxxxxxxxxxx@xxx.xx). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

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Yours sincerely

Navy Command HQ
FOI Section
Taking your questions in order:

Q1. The number of applicants, and the number of places, for the standard bursary, the medical and dental cadetships, and any other Navy bursary or cadetship scheme.

A. There are no Cadetships on offer at the current time. The number of bursaries are as follows:

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Q2. The distribution of applicants for each scheme by local authority.

A. Information not held.

Q3. The number of successful applicants for each scheme who signed their contract when they were under 18 years old.

A. All Bursary applicants were over 18 on signing contract. Those candidates joining DTUS direct from Welbeck are asked to sign contract on leaving the College. It is normal for 2 to 3 candidates to still be under 18 at that stage and they are required to re-sign on reaching 18.

Q4. The number of students, at any stage of their degree, for each scheme, who changed their minds and ended the contract (including up until the start of the following academic year).

A. 1 Warfare bursar award offered was declined.

Q5. What is the minimum number of years that students with a Navy bursary must serve after graduating?

A. RN bursary award holders must complete 3 years service from completion of training. The start of this 3 year period varies by branch of entry.
Q6. Are students with Standard navy bursaries committed to attending a particular university, or studying a particular course?

A. Students holding standard RN bursaries are allowed to attend any degree awarding UK university and any course. Engineering bursary holders must study a degree course approved by the Royal Navy. DTUS students may only attend a DTUS partner university currently, Southampton, Loughborough, Aston, Birmingham, Newcastle and Northumbria. Exceptionally, some DTUS students may attend Oxford or Cambridge.

Q7. If a student changes their minds and ends the contract, how soon does the bursary have to be re-paid in full?

A. Recovery of sponsorship payments for the RN is handled by SPVA Glasgow. SPVA will allow a period of time if a student is unable to repay in full. This period depends on the amount outstanding but should not exceed 5 years.