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Dear Mr Collyyer,

Thank you for your email on the 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2018 in which you request the following information:

*“the number of applicants to Welbeck Defence Sixth Form College as opposed to the number that actually attended the College in September of each year between 2010 and 2016”*

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

I can confirm that some of the information in scope is held and provided in the table below. Unfortunately we do not record data on all applications received. I should explain that applications are to the Defence Technical Officer and Engineer Entry Scheme (DTOEES) through the single services and not to the college directly. Each of the services records data independently based on their individual requirements. In this case The Navy and RAF only retain data of eligible applicants which are those who have passed the initial sift criteria for example, age and nationality. With regards to the Army applications, there was a process change in 2013 which resulted in the recording of all applications. In order to provide you with the most helpful response, we have included the data of eligible applications where the total applications are not held.

Year	Navy Applications	Army Applications	RAF Applications	DESG Applicants (Civilian)
2010	87*	250*	139*	54
2011	137*	291*	163*	62
2012	122*	277*	101*	85
2013	102*	506	120*	41
2014	149*	697	122*	65
2015	179*	475	141*	33
2016	168*	581	145*	88

\*Eligible applicants only

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Yours sincerely,

JFD Secretariat