<u>Jeorgia Carr – 2018 Alumni</u>

My name is Jeorgia Carr and I attended Spalding High School 2011 -2018. I am now a Flying Officer in the Royal Air Force. I hope you find my journey to this point interesting, especially if you have an interest in joining the Armed Forces.

At Spalding High School, I studied Maths, Further Maths, Physics and Biology for A Levels and was a keen participant in sport. During my time studying, I signed on with a company to showcase for football scholarships in the United States. Following two showcase events in the UK, I accepted a full soccer scholarship in the United States at Texas A&M Commerce University, studying Kinesiology. I left the UK and joined the team in August 2018. My time there was very enjoyable, I learnt a lot about my character, excelled academically and made lifelong friends.

On return to the UK, I worked at a small garden centre, with a range of roles and responsibilities and considered my next options. A family friend who is in the RAF was good enough to come and speak to me about joining up and following this I decided to apply for the RAF. I played National League Hockey and Football whilst going through the process which served me well. I started the application process in the April of 2019 and after successfully navigating the required standards, assessments and interviews I enlisted at RAF Cranwell on 03 January 2021 and Graduated on 18 June 2021 in front of family and friends which was a very proud moment.

I then went on hold at RAF Wittering, where I gained a lot of experience doing different roles and had the opportunity to continue playing sport outside of and for the RAF and UK Armed Forces.

I began my trade training for Weapons Control at RAF Shawbury on 30 May 2022 and on completion of this I went on to start my first tour. Maths and Physics have served me well during my training.

I am incredibly proud to serve in the RAF and would recommend it as a career choice. There are many roles available to consider and if you have an interest, I would urge you to do your research and get first-hand information if you can. I am happy to answer any questions you may have should you wish to contact me. I can say without hesitation that joining the RAF has been the best decision I have made, and I have found no barriers to my success that are not within my gift to overcome.