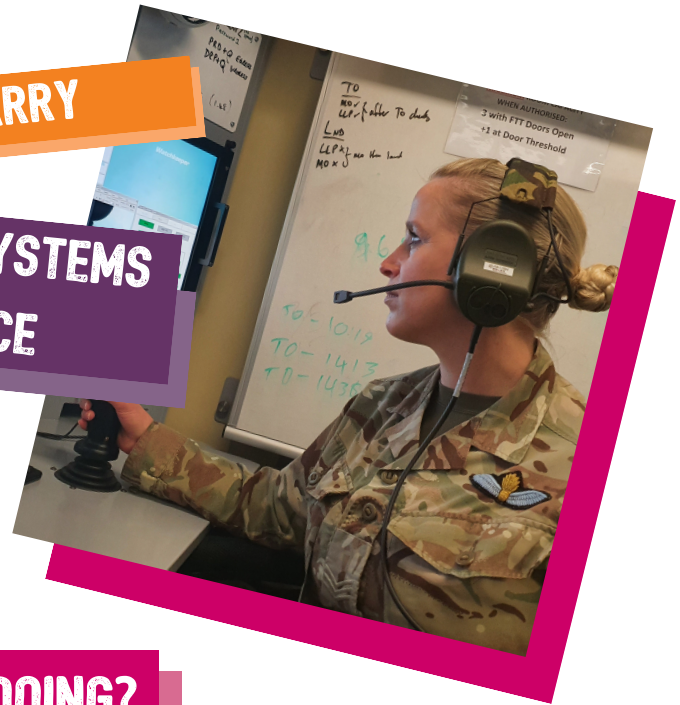




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UNCREWED AERIAL SYSTEMS
(UAS) APPRENTICE



WHICH APPRENTICESHIP ARE YOU DOING?

Aviation on the Ground Apprenticeship, Advanced (level 3).

WHAT DO YOU DO?

A Watchkeeper pilot operates unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) for surveillance and reconnaissance purposes. They are dual rolled, in the sense that they operate separately as the pilot of the aircraft or the payload operator, or they can do both roles at the same time. The role involves:

- Remotely piloting the aircraft
- Monitoring the aircraft's systems
- Ensuring safety protocols are adhered to
- Collaborating with ground control teams to achieve mission objectives
- Gathering information and finding the enemy to provide reconnaissance, surveillance, and intelligence for commanders across the British Army
- Managing the payload systems (Electro-optical/Infrared camera and Radar)
- Analyzing real-time information, identifying targets, and contributing to mission success by providing valuable insights and support to military or civilian missions.

Attention to detail, proficiency in payload systems, effective communication, situational awareness, and adherence to operational procedures are crucial aspects of a Watchkeeper pilot's responsibilities.



WHAT IS THE MOST EXCITING PROJECT YOU HAVE WORKED ON?

During my degree apprenticeship, I embarked on a project focused on enhancing aspects within my unit. My exploration honed in on the training pipeline for a Watchkeeper pilot, meticulously analysing the business needs and outcomes of the Watchkeeper Force. Uncovering areas for improvement, I discerned multiple rationales for change and proposed diverse options aligning with strategic and business objectives. My deliverables included a comprehensive change management plan and a blueprint for the proposed alterations, presented to my hierarchy. This endeavour provided profound insights into the Watchkeeper Pilot training pipeline, the intricacies of the Watchkeeper Force's and my unit's business and strategic requirements and underscored the importance of managing change with consideration not only to the overall unit's needs but also to personnel that the change would effect.

WHAT IS YOUR PROUDEST APPRENTICESHIP MOMENT?

Achieving my BA Honours degree in Business, Leadership, and Management marked the pinnacle of my apprenticeship journey, a moment of unparalleled pride. Earning First-Class Honours with a distinction not only validated my dedication but also affirmed my proficiency in the intricate realms of leadership and management, valuable to my role within the military. The rigorous curriculum challenged me to synthesize theoretical knowledge with practical applications, honing critical thinking and strategic acumen. From navigating complex case studies to spearheading projects, each endeavour contributed to my holistic growth and improvements within the workplace.

WHICH FEMALE INSPIRES YOU AND WHY?

Violet Szabo, a spy, and wireless operator for the Special Operations Executive (SOE), during World War 2, is my true inspiration. Her courageous actions showcase women's strength and resilience in the military. Violet's legacy empowers women, proving that gender should never limit bravery and excellence in challenging roles, fostering determination and empowerment.

"CONSIDER EMBRACING THE CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES THAT COME WITH JOINING THE ARMY."

