

Cadet awarded First Sea Lord Honour

News story

A Year 11 pupil from King's Leadership Academy Hawthornes; Leo Robinson has been appointed First Sea Lord Cadet (FSLC) 2021, making him one of the top Royal Marine Cadets in the country.



Leo Robinson has been appointed First Sea Lord Cadet (FSLC) 2021. NW RFCA Crown Copyright 2021.

A small number of Cadets are selected nationally from all of the naval cadet forces (SCC, VCC & CCF RN/RM) to act as ambassadors to raise the profile of Naval Cadets, while gaining privileged insight into the higher levels of the Royal Navy. Some of the key events that they are invited to attend include: a vesting day on HMS Victory, an introduction to the Navy Board and visit to No.10 Downing Street. They will also be present at formal parades, ship visits, royal occasions, opening ceremonies, presentations, awards and receptions.

The cadets will serve for a 12-month period from January 2021. During this year, First Sea Lord Cadets will also gain exposure to Navy board members, trustees of parent Cadet organisations, organise and build area forums and provide feedback to their respective headquarters. First Sea Lord cadets play a crucial role in shaping the future of the Corps. It's a chance to have their voices heard, and to inspire others to follow in their footsteps.

Flying Officer Richard Walsh RAFAC, Contingent Commander said:

This is a very significant title to hold as a cadet is selected not only for their professionalism and endeavour but also for their ability to represent the views of Cadets at national level.

Headteacher, Peter Gaul, praised Leo's contribution to the RM Cadet Force, commenting:

This is a remarkable honour for Leo and his family. We are all hugely proud of his achievement at King's Leadership Academy Hawthornes. We are also deeply grateful to the Royal Navy and Royal Marines for their sustained and incredible support for our school.

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