

# Sir George Norton starts role as Commandant at the Royal College of Defence Studies

News story

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Following 38 years of service in the British Army, Sir George most recently served as the UK military representative to NATO and the European Union.

Sir George Norton said:

It is a great honour to take up this role of Commandant of the Royal College of Defence Studies (RCDS) with its long history of excellent strategic education. During this time of complex and accelerating change, RCDS is well positioned to continue to educate leaders from across the UK military, government and our international allies.

Located in Belgravia, London, close to the heart of government, RCDS is the senior college of the Defence Academy of the United Kingdom. Each year its principal academic course prepares more than 100 senior British and international military, civil service and private sector officials for strategic leadership roles.

In line with government direction during Covid-19, all defence sites have taken measures to prioritise the safety of students and staff. They continue to train and educate students in line with government guidance, in particular by implementing opportunities for more digital ways of working and learning.

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