



MAJOR RICHARD COLE RM

Major Richard Cole RM was born in 1975 and attended the Duke of Kent School and Shiplake College, totalling 11 years of boarding before joining the Royal Marines aged 19. After serving at 40 Commando RM, he joined the Royal Irish Regiment and served 9 years in Northern Ireland in a variety of appointments. In 2007 he took redundancy, joined the Army Reserve and deployed on operations in Iraq (2008), Afghanistan (2009) and Somalia (2016). Between 2017 and 2019, Richard worked as a consultant to the British Embassy in Mogadishu and as a Company Director. He continues to provide subject matter expertise in digital communications and engagement. During a 2020 tour in the Middle East, Richard was offered the opportunity to re-join the Royal Marines – which he enthusiastically accepted!

Major Cole's eldest son is a current Dukie, with youngest hoping to join him in the coming years. Richard became a Parent Trustee in 2020 and sits on the Health & Welfare Committee, with particular interest in the boarder experience, mental health and wellbeing, as well as sports, Duke of Edinburgh's Awards and the Combined Cadet Force. Away from work and DOYRMS, he enjoys going to the gym, hiking and outdoor activities. Richard is also a Scout Leader with a local Cub pack.