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SPALDING STUDENT SAILS AWAY TO SUCCESS

Spalding High School student Ross Goodley (17) hopes to be sailing away with the Royal Navy next year after winning a scholarship.

Ross, who is in the Upper Sixth Form, is guaranteed a place at Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, if he passes his 'A' Level exams.

Ross, who is an Air Cadet Sergeant, attended the Admiralty Interview Board in Gosport back in September and was one of only two selected for a scholarship **across the UK**. The money is to help towards his upkeep and to ensure he has every opportunity to attain the grades he needs.

Ross joined the 1406 (Spalding) Squadron Air Cadets in 2001 and is their highest scoring cadet in the Air Cadet technical examination scheme achieving a 96% average in all the examinations he has taken with the corps.

He already has 10 GCSEs that he gained at Spalding Grammar School and 4 'AS' levels gained at the Spalding High School Sixth Form. He now hopes to get 'A' levels in Geography, Politics and Classics. If all goes to plan, Ross should be joining the Britannia College for the Autumn term 2006 when he will become a Midshipman in the Royal Navy.

Lieutenant Peter Beanland, the Royal Navy Careers Officer responsible for Ross's progress into the Royal Navy, said:

"Ross did extremely well at the Admiralty Interview Board and has shown a great deal of potential. We decided to select him for a scholarship and he is only one of only two Nationwide.

“Although he began as an Air Cadet he has decided to pursue a career in the Royal Navy.

The 1406 Air Cadet Squadron Commanding Officer, Flight Lieutenant Keith Bate added: “I think this is fantastic news. Ross will be the second cadet to be selected as an officer in our armed forces within a year, another of our former cadets has just graduated from RAF College Cranwell”.

Details of career operations within the Royal Navy are available online at or by calling the Recruitment Line on 08456 075 555. If you are interested in the Air Cadets their recruiting line is; 07050 222600.

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Notes to editors:

1. The Navy has a huge range of careers available for young people from all backgrounds, including technicians, mechanics, engineers, communications specialists, writers (the Navy's name for administrative assistants), stores accountants, cooks, stewards and medical assistants. Each job requires different skills, and many offer training, accreditation and qualifications recognised in civilian fields. For further information about the wide range of careers available phone 08456 07 55 55 or visit www.royal-navy.mod.uk

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