



SHANAY THOMAS

A LEVELS - PSYCHOLOGY, HISTORY, BTEC DANCE, DEPUTY HEAD GIRL - HEAVY RADAR OPERATOR, 5TH REGIMENT ROYAL ARTILLERY



I joined the Army and started phase 1 training at Pirbright in June 2019. Completed phase 1 in October 2019 and moved onto Larkhill to complete phase 2 trade specific training. Went to regiment in March 2020 and have been there since.

CURRENT ROLE: MAMBA Operator

PLACE OF WORK: 5th Regiment Royal Artillery, Marne Barracks, Catterick Garrison, North Yorkshire

I am a heavy Radar operator, using MAMBA (mobile artillery monitoring battlefield radar) to hunt enemy artillery. I locate, track and classify enemy rounds and their point of origin so our strike assets (guns, rockets) can prosecute them. My unit is the only one with this capability in the British Army and we hold the entire mamba fleet for the tri-service.

I've also assisted in two domestic deployments for covid testing and taken part in the Hyde park remembrance parade.

I thoroughly enjoyed my time at Trinity and look back on it with very fond memories. Whether you're more academic or artistic, there's a place for everyone at this school and that's what I loved most about it. Trinity's a place where I was encouraged to do what I was passionate about and because of this I was able to be my authentic self.