When you put on your ‘wings’ as a Fleet Air Arm Pilot, you’ll have the satisfaction of knowing you’ve completed one of the most demanding training programmes in aviation. But this is where the real challenges begin. Operating from ships at sea and land bases around the world, you’ll be flying over hostile territory and inhospitable terrain, with ultimate responsibility for the safety of your aircraft and your crew, as well as your mission. If you’re flying helicopters, you’ll develop the skills you’ll need to drop a troop of Royal Marines Commandos, and their equipment, into action, carry out surveillance and anti-submarine operations and fly reconnaissance missions (missions to gather information) over land and sea. As a fast jet Pilot, you’ll have the flying and tactical skills needed for manoeuvres at speeds well over 1000 mph. It’s a challenging and demanding choice, but one that brings huge professional and personal rewards.

Promotion
For all officers, the opportunities for promotion are excellent. To help you with your career, we’ll offer you plenty of feedback, encouragement and training. You’ll be promoted to Lieutenant automatically as long as you pass your professional training and perform to the level needed. After that, you’ll be chosen on merit for promotion to Lieutenant Commander and beyond.

Skills for life
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Not just a job, a way of life
There is a lot more to joining the Royal Navy than doing a job. For a start, all our ships and shore bases have superb sports and fitness facilities. We can offer a fantastic range of sports and other activities. You will have the chance to go on adventurous training, which could be anything from a jungle expedition to mountaineering and caving to parachuting. From the moment you join, you’ll be part of a team that lives, works and relaxes together, forming friendships and experiences that can last a lifetime. It’s a unique way of life, and the opportunities we offer will allow you to reach your career potential and enjoy the time you spend with us to the full.

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