



Lieutenant Will Jones Royal Navy

Lieutenant Will Jones is a Weapon Engineer Officer, currently appointed as Commanding Officer of the Oxford University Royal Naval Unit.

Will Joined the Royal Navy in 2008, undertaking his Initial Sea Training in HMS ARK ROYAL and HMS RICHMOND for Common Fleet Time. In 2010 he assumed the role of Area Careers Liaison Officer for Oxford and Reading prior to his Phase 2 Weapon Engineer training in 2011. He went on to complete his training as Assistant Weapon Engineer Officer in HMS LIVERPOOL and HMS EDINBURGH.

In 2012 he returned to HMS EDINBURGH, the last T42 destroyer, for his first appointment as the Weapon Section Officer. During the Ship's final year, prior to paying off, he deployed on Atlantic Patrol Task (South) which provided ongoing protection and reassurance to British interests in the region. During the deployment he was fortunate enough to visit Cape Town, South Georgia, the Falkland Islands, South Georgia, Barbados, St Vincent, Jacksonville and New York. Upon return to the UK and he achieved a very satisfactory pass in his Ready for Charge assessment.

His next appointment in 2013 to mid 2014 was in the T45 destroyer HMS DAUNTLESS as the Deputy Weapon Engineer Officer responsible for the day to day running of a Weapon Engineering Department of 50 engineers. During this time he stepped up to the role of Head of Department during Exercise JOINT WARRIOR.

In 2014 he was selected to be the Deputy Weapon Engineer Officer Course Manager at HMS COLLINGWOOD. Whilst in post he was responsible for overseeing the year long training pipeline for all General Service Phase 2 Weapon Engineer Officers. His responsibilities also included instructing them in the management and administration techniques required to be effective Deputy Weapon Engineer Officers at sea. During this time he designed the Weapon Engineering Branch colours and subsequently went on to also design the Marine Engineering Branch and Training Manager Branch colours.

Will is a Computing graduate from Oxford Brookes University and has a son who lives with him in Oxford. He is interested in off road mountain biking, has an interest in lock picking and has represented HMS COLLINGWOOD in naval shooting competitions.