

The Intelligence Game – 16 February 2017



The WCoSP Apprentice Team of 6 (left to right): Dan Oppenheimer, Daisy Parry, Owen Baldwin-Evans, Dan Hadfield, Rebecca (their 3 MI mentor), Tilly Sherwood Hugh Pickering-Carter

3 Military Intelligence Battalion (3MI), one of the Company's Military Affiliates, invited a team of our apprentices to compete in 'The Intelligence Game 2017' on Thursday 16 February 2017. This is a high-profile event hosted annually by KPMG at their prestigious offices in Canary Warf, London.

Eight teams were invited, with the competition coming from KPMG, RBS, Santander Bank, HSBC, JP Morgan, Bank of America and a section of the MOD Civil Support Staff. Although they were all classed as "young teams" their members were full-time staff who were considerably older and more experienced than our apprentices.



The Challenge commenced at 1400hrs with a group briefing and some basic "intelligence training". The teams were then separated into their own "battle rooms" and given two complex scenarios which they had to analyse and then deduce clear and unambiguous solutions and present the results. This they did some four hours later to the adjudicators from 3MI.

The winners, HSBC, were announced at the impressive and generous reception held afterwards which was attended by several VIPs from both the Military and KPMG, including Major General Ranald Munro, MOD's most senior Reservist. We were delighted to learn that our Apprentices had come third, apparently just missing out on second place by the slimmest of margins. The Commanding Officer of 3 MI, Lt Col Nik Fairweather, was lavish in his praise of our team and the fact that they represented one of their two Livery Company Affiliates.



Our Apprentice Team rose to this considerable challenge, which they thoroughly enjoyed, and represented the Company admirably. Well done!

The Senior Warden, Air Cdre Stephen Anderton, and Honorary Court Assistant Roy Penrose, Chairman of the Apprentice Management Group, attended the evening reception and prize giving, representing the Master.

We are more than likely to be invited again next year, but none of the participants can compete again, so we will be looking for a completely fresh and inspiring team.