

William beats Harry in Army intelligence test

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Prince William is the brains of the family - it's official. The 23-year-old prince, who is to enrol at the Sandhurst Royal Military Academy in January, scored seven out of 10 in the "raw intelligence" test, when he took part in a gruelling assessment at the Regular Commissions Board in Westbury, Wiltshire.

Prince Harry is understood to have scored four in the same test in September last year.

Senior officers who witnessed Prince William tackle the various physical and mental trials - designed to assess a candidate's potential to become an Army officer - described him as "athletic, well co-ordinated and quite bright".



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It is believed that what surprised many of the officers who were judging his suitability to become a commissioned officer was his performance in multiple-choice intelligence tests, which he faced on the first day. These computer tests are used to assess an individual's powers of reasoning, general knowledge and intelligence. Candidates also have to take part in a planning exercise, group discussions and give a short lecture to other members on the course.

One senior officer said: "The raw intelligence test is exactly that. It is used to assess the potential of all soldiers from those who join the ranks to those who want to become officers. "It gives the best indication of a candidate's IQ. We have seen people with very good degrees get very poor scores and those who have just scraped a few

A-levels get very high scores. A score of 10 out of 10 means you are a genius, while one or zero means you are barely functioning. Seven, which William received, is very, very good. He also displayed good leadership skills. On the showing he gave at the RCB there is no reason why he shouldn't make a very good officer."

Intellectually the two brothers are complete opposites. Prince William gained a 2:1 degree at the University of St Andrews and three A-levels at Eton. Prince Harry's academic achievements are less glowing. He came bottom in his first-year examinations at Eton and was the only student in the sixth form who was allowed to take just two A-levels. He achieved a B in art and a D in geography. His unimpressive classroom achievements led to allegations that he cheated during his art A-level. Although these were subsequently dismissed, a hearing was told that the prince's course work contained numerous mistakes. Eton's headmaster, Tony Little, said that the art project was littered with errors, including a reference to an artist with a "forthwith manner".

Prince William's high score at the commissions board should ensure that he will have little difficulty with the most intellectually demanding parts of the Sandhurst course. In the second term the emphasis is placed on academic studies at a level equivalent to the first year of a degree course.

When Prince William joins the military academy in January next year, he will be lower in seniority to his brother, who will be entering his final term. That will change when Prince William is commissioned at the end of the 44-week course. Although the brothers will hold the same rank of lieutenant, as a graduate, Prince William will have greater seniority. This means that Prince Harry will have to salute his older brother when they meet.