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# TOP AWARD FOR MERTHYR TYDFIL SAILOR

The commitment, drive and encouragement of others shown by a Royal Navy Petty Officer from Merthyr Tydfil during training at the Defence Maritime Logistics School has earned him the prize as one of the top students for 2010.

Petty Officer Michael Read undertook a two month training course at the school, based at HMS Raleigh in Cornwall, last year as part of his personal development. He was presented with the Worshipful Company of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators award at the school's annual awards ceremony.

The 34-year-old joined the Royal Navy in 1991 and is currently serving at the Permanent Joint Headquarters Northwood, where he is putting the skills he learned during training into practice, providing HR and administrative support.

PO Read's citation for the award reads: "It was clear from the outset of his training that Petty Officer Logistician (Writer) Read had prepared himself extensively for training. Having recently completed an assignment in a busy frontline Unit Personnel Office, he demonstrated throughout the course a thorough understanding of all routines and practices and displaying a high level of confidence in all that he did. His natural enthusiasm for the subject, as well as his commitment, drive and encouragement of others benefited the course as a whole, and resulted in a most creditable personal and group performance. Amongst a group of very high quality students, Read's overall performance throughout training, and his overall average, stood him out from his peers and highlighted him as the most deserving recipient of this award.

The former pupil of Afon Taf High School, Troedyrhiw, said: "This award was quite unexpected, but I am humbled to have my efforts recognised with such a prestigious award."

Since joining the Royal Navy PO Read has served on four warships and ashore in Portsmouth, Plymouth, Scotland and with 848 Naval Air Squadron, based at Yeovilton in Somerset.



Although based at HMS Raleigh, the DMLS is part of the wider Defence College of Logistics and Personnel Administration, and provides training to all Officers and Ratings of the Logistics specialisation including catering services, supply chain and personnel administration. In addition to providing training to the Royal Navy, the DMLS trains members of the Royal Naval Reserve, Royal Fleet Auxiliary personnel and the Sea Cadet Corps.

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