

Matt Peterson Biography



Name - Matt Peterson OBE

Background - I joined the RAF in 1999 after reading Geography at Durham University. After successfully completing flying training, I conducted my first operational tours on the Jaguar and was the final Qualified Weapons Instructor before the aircraft was retired in 2007. After converting to Typhoon, I contributed to the development and delivery of the aircraft's inaugural multi-role capability and have supported every operation undertaken by the platform since, including Quick Reaction Alert, Operation ELLAMY over Libya and, as the Commanding Officer of XI(Fighter) Squadron, Operation SHADER over Iraq and Syria, for which I was awarded an OBE in 2018.

Between flying appointments, I managed all UK operations in the Middle East for the UK Permanent Joint Headquarters, and after developing the RAF's future weapons portfolio in Air Capability, I became the Personal Staff Officer for two consecutive Chiefs of the Air Staff. My final position in the RAF was Commanding Officer of Royal Air Force Coningsby, home of the Typhoon and Battle of Britain Memorial Flight, and one the RAF's 3 Combat Air Stations.

Outside Work – I am married to Samantha and have 2 children, George and Albert, aged 7 and 5 respectively and, when the children allow, I enjoy running, travel and watching rugby.

Current Role – I am joining Leonardo UK and the Future Combat Air team as Head of FCAS Campaigns (UK and ROW).