



Lieutenant J A Young Royal Navy

Commanding Officer

HMS SCIMITAR

James was born in 1991 in Leeds, West Yorkshire. He attended Britannia Royal Naval College in September 2012 completing Initial Fleet Time in HMS Illustrious. Upon commissioning in May 2013 he undertook Specialist Fleet Time in HMS Richmond, HMS Penzance and HMS Severn before passing IWO(C) in November 2014.

His first complement assignment was to the Fishery Protection Squadron firstly as Gunnery Officer in HMS Tyne, conducting 12 months of fishery protection. He then spent six months in the Falkland Islands serving in HMS Clyde including a visit to South Georgia.

After completion of Preliminary Navigating Officer's Course in October 2016 and Fleet Navigating Officer's Course in Jan 2017 he was assigned to HMS Montrose initially as OOW1 and then became the Navigating Officer in March 2018. Over this period Montrose emerged from refit conducting BOST, Exercise Joint Warrior and a short deployment to the Baltic Sea including a brief period of CTF 320 tasking. He deployed with Montrose in October 2018 navigating through the Panama Canal and across the South Pacific Ocean stopping at various isolated islands including Easter Island and the Pitcairn Islands, eventually leaving the ship in Bahrain. This deployment included periods of time conducting both Op KIPION and Op CODELIGHT along with several high profile Defence Engagement visits such as Chile, New Zealand and Japan.

After passing CQ1 in July 2018 he was selected for command of HMS Scimitar in November 2018 and assumed command in July 2019.

He lives in Hampshire with his wife and in his spare time enjoys watching rugby league and playing tennis.