

Commander Catherine Jordan Royal Navy

COMMANDING OFFICER HMS ST ALBANS

Catherine Jordan joined the Royal Navy in 1993 as a University Cadet Aviator, and after passing out from Britannia Royal Naval College, she read Law at Manchester University and graduated in 1997. Specialising as an Observer, she qualified on both the Lynx Mk 3 and Mk 8, before becoming the first Flight Commander of the then newly commissioned HMS ST ALBANS. During the build up to the Iraq War in 2003, she regenerated and commanded "Gibraltar Flight" for 3 months before returning to the Ship and completing an Operation Calash deployment in the Middle East.

She then undertook Principal Warfare Officer training, graduating as top student for the year in 2005. There then followed 3 short tours as an Operations Officer: firstly in HMS IRON DUKE, whilst also the Gunnery Officer, then with the Combined Task Force 158 in Iraq and latterly in HMS ALBION.

Subsequently selected for Sea Command, she commanded HMS SEVERN from February 2010 to July 2011, during which time the Ship was awarded the Fleet Offshore Patrol Vessel Efficiency Trophy. She then took command of HMS CLYDE in the Falkland Islands for 6 months, a period which included deploying to South Africa for a successful docking period.

Returning to her aviation roots in 2012, she formed part of the implementation team for the Fleet Air Arm Manpower Sustainability Project before being selected for both promotion to Commander and further sea command. Then, capping a truly outstanding year, her daughter arrived on Christmas Day 2012.

Commander Jordan is married and lives in Hampshire. She assumed command of HMS ST ALBANS on 10 December 2013.