

A N OBAN school leaver is going east in September to help teach English in China.

Craig Hobbs, aged 17, is trying to raise more than £4,000 for the year-long trip which is one of his lifelong ambitions.

Craig, who has been accepted for officer training at the military academy Sandhurst, is going to China through the educational charity Project Trust.

The trust specialises in sending school leavers abroad for a year's voluntary work.

Craig said: 'I love Asian culture, there's something about it that amazes me. I'm really looking forward to going over there and hope to establish myself in the community and be able to run after school clubs like football.

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When Craig returns he is going to study Psychology at Stirling University before attending Sandhurst.

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