



Dear all,

We are extremely pleased at the progress the CCF recruits have been making over these past weeks. They have truly come into their own. We are excited for the future as we believe with the commitment shown from the school, the officers, parents and the recruits that we are building a very strong Contingent.

So far the recruits have been learning the art of drill, navigation, section manoeuvring and a host of problem solving and team building activities. However, they still have so much to learn, as do we all! (Except for C/Sgt Briggs). All the recruits will be issued their uniform in September. Please ensure that they have acquired their boots by 10th September. Any issues please contact C/Sgt Briggs, he will be able to assist in the purchasing of boots. When issued their uniform they will not receive their berets, but a cap instead. Once they have passed drill and other tasks set they will be awarded their berets. This will also signify them being cadets and not recruits.

The first official CCF parade will be **10th September 2019**. Please ensure that your son/daughter is available every Tuesday, **15:30 – 17:30**. If they cannot make a Tuesday, an officer will need to be informed and an absence of leave will need to be requested. Unfortunately, there has been a couple of recruits absent from parade with no valid reason given. This could potentially hinder their chances of progressing further through the cadet ranks.

Annual camp will be from the **4th – 11th July 2020 at Crowborough** (An estimated cost of £50). Please keep this date free. All our cadets will be invited and there is an expectation that they will all attend. The year will focus around activities that will prepare our cadets for that week. There will also be competitions on the final 2 days of camp.

During the year we will also be looking to do weekend residential trips away to help immerse

them in the cadet experience. All dates will be confirmed in September.

Please also keep **Tuesday 2nd June 2020** free. This will be our annual 'anniversary' event to celebrate the starting of the CCF and the achievements of our cadets. Parents and dignitaries will all be invited to watch the cadets on parade and join the celebration afterwards.

As part of the CCF we will be asking for **£15 subscription fee a term**. Parents/Carers will have the option of paying termly or annually. The subscription is to cover the cost of transport when we travel away for activities or residential. It will also be used to purchase any resources the MOD does not cover. We will send out a notification in September when parentpay will be open.

We are also in the process of putting a proposal together to run our Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) programme in-house. This will enable us to run DofE with all our cadets and the expectation will be that they complete the various awards alongside their cadet awards. If they have already completed any awards they will continue on the next award up. More on this to follow in the new term.

A big thank you to our officers: Lt Kingston, Lt Manning, Lt Burrows, AUO Bury and C/Sgt Briggs for their commitment and hard work so far in setting up and growing the CCF. Without them giving up their free time none of this would be possible. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Ms Coley, our Commander and Chief (honorary CCF member), for all her support and vision that has allowed us to bring this great initiative to Brakenhale.

I wish all our recruits a safe and joyful summer. I hope they don't forget what we have taught them so far. I look forward in welcoming them back in September.

Regards, Lt Beukes, Contingent Commander

