



BUDMOUTH COMBINED CADET FORCE

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Year 9 student recruitment to Budmouth Combined Cadet Force – CCF

Dear Parent / Carer

As you may know, Budmouth is one of only 60 state schools in the UK to have a Combined Cadet Force (CCF), a fact of which we are justly proud. Our contingent consists of a Royal Navy and Army sections, with over 100 cadets. In addition we have eight officers and a school staff instructor, who have a wealth of knowledge of the armed forces and cadet forces.

A young person's membership of the CCF, is designed to develop skills of leadership, by means of training, to promote the qualities of responsibility, self-reliance, resourcefulness, endurance and perseverance. Our cadet activities encourage our cadets to engage in the virtues of service, tolerance, self-discipline, confidence and teamwork. Being a member of Budmouth CCF is a highly valuable experience and can be a major factor in successful job and university applications. The CCF is not a recruiting agency for the Armed Forces but a development opportunity for our young people.

This has been an unusual year, however previously our cadets have been able to take part in a variety of experiences. We hope to be able to continue with some of these again in the not too distant future.

- Visit to Tidworth Garrison, observed tank demonstrations and used gunnery training simulators at The Royal Tank Regiment – Our linked regiment to our Army Section
- Visited HMS Tireless, HMS Bulwark, HMS Trumpeter, HMS Portland and HMS Grimsby.
- Learnt sailing at the Sea Cadet Training Centre in Weymouth and at the National Sailing Centre at Portland
- Fired weapons at Lulworth, Bovington and Chickerell Ranges
- Watched British Army live firing at Lulworth ranges and on Salisbury Plain
- Visited the Royal Military Academy at Sandhurst
- Undertaken courses in sub-aqua, electronics, gliding, mountain walking proficiency, first aid, power boat operating, offshore sailing, swimming pool lifeguarding, leadership and survival
- Training with the Royal Marines
- Completed field exercises at the Lulworth and Bovington Training Areas
- Flown with the Fleet Air Arm at Royal Navy Air Station Yeovilton – Our linked Royal Navy Establishment
- Completed summer camps at DTE Okehampton, DTE Penhale, DTE Penally, DTE Nesscliff, RAF St. Mawgam and HMS Bristol
- Participated and won the Dorset Cadet Challenge

Additionally, the CCF trains our Ten Tors Challenge teams and offers activities to help complete the Duke of Edinburgh's Award. Our senior cadets can complete a BTEC Level 2 in





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Teamwork and Personal Development once they are in the 6th Form. There are also usually over 100 external courses run by the MOD, which our cadets have access too.

Over the coming weeks we will be recruiting new cadets from Year 9. If your son/daughter is interested in joining, we will be showing them a promotional presentation in tutor time. This will provide them with more information about what it means to be a cadet, the activities they can take part in and how they can get the best from their time as a cadet at Budmouth.

If you would like to support your son / daughter's application, you now need to complete the CCF recruitment form on the Budmouth Website, in the parent's information, letters section. Once completed you will then need to pay the £36 cadet enrolment fee, which covers the cost of basic uniform issue and other resources provided as part of the CCF. If you are on Pupil Premium you can apply on the form for a subsidy of 50% of the enrolment fee.

Parades will take place on Thursday's after school from 3pm to 4.30pm, extending to 5.00pm in the summer months, when we can complete more activities outside. The first planned parade for Year 9 will be on Thursday 7th January, in Everdene Hall.

If you have any questions, please email myself for general and Army related questions, stemple@budmouth-aspirations.org or Lt S Marks for any Navy related questions, smarks@budmouth-aspirations.org.

Regards

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Budmouth CCF Contingent Commander

