



BUDMOUTH COMBINED CADET FORCE

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Year 8 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 Royal Navy and Army sections, with over 80 cadets. In addition we have six 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.

On Thursday 1st July, your child will be off their normal timetable of lessons. Instead they will attend a CCF recruitment activity day, where they will complete a range of activities that give them the chance to see some of the opportunities and skills that they can take part in, if they decide to become a cadet in Budmouth CCF. The activities will be provided by Budmouth CCF staff, the British Army and Royal Navy Engagement Teams and soldiers from the Royal Wessex Yeomanry. It will be a day for them to try new things and work as part of a team to complete set tasks.

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. All provide amazing and unique opportunities for Budmouth students.

- Visit Tidworth Garrison, observe tank demonstrations and use gunnery training simulators at The Royal Tank Regiment – Our linked regiment to our Army Section
- Visit HMS Tireless, HMS Bulwark, HMS Trumpeter, HMS Portland and HMS Grimsby.
- Learn to sail at the Sea Cadet Training Centre in Weymouth and at the National Sailing Centre at Portland
- Fire weapons at Lulworth, Bovington and Chickerell Ranges
- Watch British Army live firing at Lulworth ranges and on Salisbury Plain
- Visit the Royal Military Academy at Sandhurst
- Undertake 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
- Complete field exercises at the Lulworth and Bovington Training Areas
- Fly with the Fleet Air Arm at Royal Navy Air Station Yeovilton – Our linked Royal Navy Establishment
- Complete summer camps at DTE Okehampton, DTE Penhale, DTE Penally, DTE Nesscliff, RAF St. Mawgan and HMS Bristol
- Participate in 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 complete a BTEC Level 2 in



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

Over the coming weeks we will be recruiting new cadets from Year 8. If your child is interested in joining, after experiencing the activities on our CCF recruitment activity day, we will also 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. We have an allocation of 80 Year 9 cadets places available for September.

If you would like to support your child'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 £40 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 3.00 pm to 4.30 pm, extending to 5.00 pm in the summer months, when we can complete more activities outside. The first planned parade for the new Year 9's will be on Thursday 9th September 2021, outside the D&T block on the CCF parade square.

If you have any questions, please email me 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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