



BUDMOUTH COMBINED CADET FORCE

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Budmouth CCF Retention 2021 - 2022

Dear Parent / Carer

We do hope that your child is enjoying being a cadet in Budmouth CCF. We have been developing our training programme and recruiting more staff members to enable us to offer a wider range of activities this year. Our cadet numbers have increased and we now have over 150 cadets registered as part of Budmouth CCF. The largest increase has definitely been in our Royal Navy section which has tripled in size.

We were very proud of the cadets that helped sell poppies in Weymouth Town Centre, raising over £1000 for the Royal British Legion last November. We also had the largest turnout of Budmouth cadets at the Remembrance parade and were very proud of the way they took part in the ceremony and marched along Weymouth Esplanade.

We have restarted our Ten Tors Training Programme this year, ready to select the best cadets to be members of the Budmouth CCF Challenge teams for the event in May. This year will be extra special as the challenge has not been held for the last two years. It will be great to get our cadets back onto Dartmoor and to challenge themselves, and their team, to complete the final event.

We have started to include a regular plan of visits in our training programme. So far this year, some of our army cadets have visited Lulworth ranges to watch the Royal Wessex Yeomanry live firing Challenger II tanks. A group of RN cadets have been to the Historic Dockyard in Portsmouth to visit the HMS Victory, and another group visited HMS Hurworth which was in Portland Harbour. Our next visit is to the Tank Museum at Bovington. Future trips we are looking to plan are: Bletchley Park, once the top-secret home of the World War Two Codebreakers and RMC Sandhurst, in August, to watch the Sovereign's Parade.

When students first join the CCF we ask for a recruitment fee, then each year a retention fee. This enables us to run the CCF and provide Budmouth cadets with the amazing opportunities that they can take part in. We have delayed the retention process by a term due to the time missed during lockdown when we were unable to hold CCF parades and activities.

To help with the further development of Budmouth CCF we are hoping your child plans on staying for the rest of the 2022 academic year. Therefore we are collecting this year's retention fee of £30.00.

We are now using Google forms to complete the 2022 retention form. Please go to the Budmouth website, 'Parents information/Forms/ CCF Retention 2022'. The £30.00 retention fee will need to be paid using the PAY360 website. This can be found in the 'Fees and Subs' section under 'CCF Retention'.

We have lots of exciting plans to improve Budmouth CCF further, so, if you or your child has ideas then please do email me - stemple@budmouth-aspirations.org with details for consideration.

Regards

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