



READING SCHOOL COMBINED CADET FORCE



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ABOUT THE COMBINED CADET FORCE

The CCF provides fun, friendship, action and adventure, all within a Safe System of Training. We inspire young people to challenge their limits and go further in life, no matter what they aim to do. The Cadet Forces are one of the UK's biggest and best youth organisations. With over 128,500 cadets (boys and girls) in thousands of locations, we make a positive impact on young people, parents and local communities.



WHAT WE DO AND WHY

We'll surprise your child with just how much they can achieve

We believe in helping young people from every walk of life to shape their own futures. Joining the Combined Cadet Force (CCF) gives young people the support, structure and discipline they need to develop and thrive. We help them to try new things, discover their talents and develop the confidence and resilience they need to go further in life.

The CCF is sponsored by the Armed Forces. One thing we share with the Military is a belief in helping young people to develop strong values: respect, discipline, responsibility and independence.

Too many young people are missing out on the challenges and adventures that could transform their lives. Joining the CCF can change that.



SOME OF THE ACTIVITIES ON OFFER

- ADVENTUROUS TRAINING
- AIR EXPERIENCE FLYING
- CAMPS
- DRILL
- ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEERING
- EXPEDITIONS
- FIELD CRAFT
- FIRST AID
- INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGES
- MILITARY KNOWLEDGE
- NAVIGATION
- RADIO COMMUNICATIONS
- RECOGNISED QUALIFICATIONS
- SHOOTING
- SKILL AT ARMS

"It helped me to realise that achievements cannot just be given to you – you have to work at it again and again until you finally achieve the goal."

CHALLENGE YOUR CHILD TO GO FURTHER IN LIFE CADETS SAY IT'S THE BEST THING THEY'VE EVER DONE



YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Q. How old do you have to be to join the CCF?

A. Students can join the Reading School CCF during year 9 at school.

Q. What does it cost?

A. Every cadet who joins the CCF is asked to pay a £125 annual subscription, which goes to the cost of providing a full-time member of administrative staff (the SSI). Families in receipt of certain governments benefits can ask for financial assistance from their child's school. We'll provide your child with a uniform free of charge, along with one pair of boots.

Q. Which days and times do cadets meet?

A. CCF training happens every week on Thursday after school. Training starts with a parade at 3.45pm and lasts for one and a half hours. There are also optional weekend camps and competitions, training days in holidays, and the summer annual camp, which is a highlight for cadets.

Q. How do you make sure my child will be safe in your care?

A. We carry out formal safeguarding checks (DBS) to make sure every volunteer is safe to work with young people and they are not left unsupervised until all checks are complete. Also, every county has a full-time Training Safety Advisor to ensure all training is as safe as possible.

Q. Will my child have to join the Army if they become a cadet?

A. No. The CCF is sponsored and administered by the Military but there is absolutely no requirement on cadets to join any of the Armed Forces.

Q. Why should my child choose the CCF?

A. Most state schools don't have the resources to provide exciting and challenging experiences, however at Reading School we have had a CCF unit since 1900. We challenge every cadet to learn more, do more and try more, whatever their goals in life. In today's tough job market young people need better qualifications, social skills, confidence, independence and a can-do attitude to succeed. We help them with all of these things.

Q. What do I need to do?

A. If your child is interested in joining the CCF they will be able to attend a taster on Thursday 13th December 2018, and then will be able to start parading formally from Thursday 10th January 2019. You will need to fill out a Cadet Enrolment Form and Uniform Sizing Form and return it to the CCF Office prior to the Christmas Holiday.

“Not only is the CCF a place to learn, it's a great place to become a confident and disciplined young person. It is an amazing environment and I would recommend it to everyone”