



6 July 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

## Combined Cadet Force Application

You will now be eligible to join CCF from September 2021.

Training will be split over parade evenings, field days and occasional weekend camps and courses. Parade evenings take place at the school and run once a week. These provide essential training across many different areas. Parade training is enhanced by participating in field days and weekend training camps, where cadets will spend more extended periods developing a particular skill or working towards a qualification.

As our parade falls on a Thursday, this will form your enrichment activity choice from 3:00 until 4:30 every Thursday.

CCF offers many opportunities to develop essential life skills that will be beneficial throughout your lives and working careers: communication, leadership, working as a team and self-reliance and resilience are some of the many qualities you will develop. In addition to these life skills, you will also learn about:

- Military Knowledge
- Drill and Turnout
- Field craft
- First Aid
- Navigation
- Skill at Arms (Rifle handling and shooting)
- Adventurous Training opportunities could include mountain walking, canoeing, gliding and offshore sailing.
- Cadet and the Community

Working through these programmes of study allows you to gain promotion within your CCF contingent, which will mean taking on leadership responsibilities and assisting other cadets with their experience.

To join CCF we ask that all students write a letter to the school and this will allow us the opportunity to understand your aims and ambitions for your time in CCF.

The letter needs to include:

- An introduction as to why you are writing the letter
- Your experience to date in outdoor activities
- What you hope to achieve from being part of the CCF
- What you are more excited about doing as part of the CCF
- What you think you can bring to the CCF

As this is a formal letter, it will need to include the following:

- A well-presented letter ideally typed.
- A heading, including your address and the date in the top right-hand corner.
- A greeting, i.e. Dear Hayesbrook School
- Close the letter with Yours sincerely (because you know us).
- Your name and signature, **as well as one from your parent/carer**

The deadline for this is **Thursday 15 July** and it can either be posted to the school or submitted to Reception, addressed to The Hayesbrook School CCF Unit.

Your first parade will then involve registering you on the Ministry of Defence database and measuring you for your army uniform and kit. The MOD supplies all uniform and kit; however, there is an initial fee of £68 (TBC). This payment covers the cost of your military boots and a Hayesbrook CCF T-Shirt, and insurance.

You are not enlisting into the Army by joining CCF but we ask for a dedicated commitment. Therefore, we ask that should your interests change, you give us a four-week notice period in writing.

For more information, please do visit the Combined Cadet Force Website, where there is a wealth of information, including videos to inform you. <https://combinedcadetforce.org.uk/about-the-ccf>

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mr Milner-Pearce". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Mr Milner-Pearce  
Lieutenant  
Commanding Officer Hayesbrook CCF