



# **Gable Hall Combined Cadet Force**

## **Recruiting now for September 2020**

### **What is the Combined Cadet Force (CCF)?**

The CCF is a national scheme run in conjunction with the British Armed Forces. It provides a safe and challenging extracurricular environment for our students to develop independence, resilience and leadership and have a lot of fun in the process.

The cadet experience is a journey, starting in year 8 or 9 and ideally continuing right through sixth form.

During their first and second years new cadets will follow a program of training leading to the Army Proficiency Certificate (APC) and Advanced APC. The training will cover the following competencies.

- Drill and turnout
- First aid
- Skill at arms
- Field craft
- Navigation
- Adventurous training, including Duke of Edinburgh expeditions.

To carry out this training cadets will attend CCF parade nights each Thursday after school during term time. They will also attend at least one training weekend each term and a week's training camp each year.

After passing the Advanced APC the cadet journey becomes more individual, cadets can specialise in areas that interest them such as marksmanship, first aid, adventure training or outdoor activities. There are a huge variety of courses available to cadets through the CCF. Gable Hall CCF is an Army Cadet unit, however being part of the Combined Cadet Force, courses run by the RAF and the Navy are open to our cadets as well as Army courses.

Experienced cadets will be expected to assist in almost every aspect of running the CCF. They will gain valuable leadership and management skills as they take on the roles of instructors, manage stores and lead groups of less experience cadets, always supervised by the adult volunteers. Safety critical roles, such as teaching safe weapons handling will always be carried out by fully qualified adult instructors.

All CCF cadets will aspire to the 7 core values of courage, discipline, respect for others, integrity, loyalty and selfless commitment.

Students who wish to join the CCF will also need to show that they are fully committed and will undertake all training enthusiastically. The training will be tough at times, forcing cadets to work together to overcome obstacles. The training is intended to push cadets outside their comfort zone in a safe and structured environment, helping cadets become resilient, self-reliant and to grow as individuals. During training weekends and training weeks, cadets should expect to be frequently tired and sometimes wet, muddy, cold or too hot but always having fun doing these things.

## **Practical information.**

Application to the CCF is open to all current year 7 and 8 boys and girls (year 8/9 from September). Hassenbrook Academy and Gable Hall School.

We will consider all students who apply. We are looking for **commitment and enthusiasm above all else**. Academic or behaviour issues are not necessarily a barrier to being accepted. However all students who wish to continue in the CCF will be expected to demonstrate the same commitment, enthusiasm and exemplary behaviour that they show in the CCF in all areas of school life. Some of the training will take place during school time, the only way that students will be allowed out of lessons to do this training is if they are meeting or exceeding their academic targets in all their subjects.

### **Parade nights**

Parade nights are at Gable Hall School. They are on every term time Thursday afternoon 3.15pm - 5.30pm. First parade will be on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2020 (assuming school is back to normal)

A subscription of £2 will be charged each parade night.

### **Uniform**

Cadets will be provided with uniform (except boots which will need to be purchased), the uniform will be the cadet's responsibility. Cadet uniforms will be inspected each parade night. Worn or ill-fitting uniform can be exchanged but lost uniform will be charged. Uniform must be returned at the end of the cadet's service.

Boots can be purchased through Gable Hall CCF for £25, complete the boot section on the kitting form. If you want to purchase boots independently, please talk to us first so you get the right colour and style.

### **Other costs**

Instruction, equipment and accommodation are provided by the CCF for the training weekends and training weeks. There will be small charges for food and towards transport to and from the training. As a guide this year's summer camp; 6 days accommodation, food, transport and activities including adventurous training, shooting and paintball would have been £39.

The CCF is a school based youth organisation and while working closely with the armed forces it is independent from them. There is **no** commitment to join the armed forces after serving in the CCF.

The CCF is a non-academic, voluntary, extracurricular activity. All students who show enthusiasm and fully engage with the training can excel in the CCF.

### **Application**

If this sounds like something your child would like to participate in please fill in the Cadet Force Application form, the kitting form and medical form and return them to 2Lt Squires or Sgt Russell as soon as possible.

If you have any questions or want more information, please don't hesitate to contact.

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