

2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Stover School is delighted to be adding the Combined Cadet Force (CCF) to the enrichment options available to pupils at the school. The overarching aim of the CCF is to instil values in young people that will help them get the most out of their lives, and contribute to their communities and country.

Applications are now open for Academic Year 2019/20. CCF will be offered to all pupils in Year 8 and above, beginning September 2019 (current Year 7+), with a minimum commitment of one Academic Year. Further details are outlined below.

### **What is the CCF?**

The tradition of cadet units in schools goes back over 150 years to the 1850s. In 1948, the Combined Cadet Force was formed, covering cadets from all Services: Royal Navy, Army, Royal Airforce and Marine Cadet Sections.

At Stover, we will be starting with an Army Section and build towards a Royal Navy or Royal Air Force Section. Joining the CCF provides an opportunity to take part in Army themed activities and events, all of which focus on building self-disciplined individuals with courage and a sense of worth.

Further information about CCF is available at [www.combinedcadetforce.org.uk](http://www.combinedcadetforce.org.uk)

### **What will cadets do?**

The CCF will meet weekly to conduct various training, including, drill (marching), Fieldcraft (survival and administration during outdoor pursuits), field tactics, navigation, weapon handling & marksmanship, as well as lots of adventure training (biking, hiking, kayaking, parachuting, sailing, diving etc).

The CCF aims to promote the qualities of responsibility, self-reliance, resourcefulness and a sense of service to the community. Activities include drill, skill at arms, shooting, field craft and first aid. Up to 40% of a cadet's time is spent on adventurous training activities.

By joining the CCF (Army) cadets also can get involved with volunteer and charitable work in the community and to gain nationally recognised qualifications such as the Duke of Edinburgh's Award and BTECs.

### **When will training be held?**

Weekly Parade will be held on Tuesday evenings, beginning at 3.45pm and running through the school Activities slot and after-school until approximately 5.30pm. Pupils will also attend at least two Weekend Exercises and an Annual Summer Camp.

### **How much does it cost?**

A fee of £150 for the academic year is charged to all pupils. This cost includes all uniform and kit (with the exception of boots), as well as all Parade night costs, instruction and teaching, access to training and most adventure activities. Brown boots are not included in the fee, and will need to be purchased separately. The annual summer camp will also be charged separately. Whilst most cadet activities are folded into the annual cost, there may be a small additional cost for some adventure activities.

If your son/daughter would like the opportunity to secure a place, please return the attached consent form below by **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May**.

If you would like to discuss any aspect of CCF in more depth, please contact the school at [combinedcadetforce@stover.co.uk](mailto:combinedcadetforce@stover.co.uk)

Yours Sincerely,

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## Application and Consent Form

In applying to join Stover School CCF, pupils and parents understand that:

- Pupils are required to make a commitment of one full school year. Upon being allocated a place, an annual, non-refundable payment of £150 will be added to the first end of term bill.
- Pupils will be required to regularly attend Parade on Tuesday evenings and additional dates where necessary (e.g. Exercise Weekend, Remembrance Parade).
- The £150 payment will include all Parade nights, instruction and teaching, insurance, access to training and adventure events\*. The annual summer camp is not included in this cost.
- Loaned kit will be the pupil's responsibility. A small additional charge for lost/excessively damaged kit may be charged to the school bill for the appropriate amount.
- Brown boots are not included in the cost for CCF and must be purchased separately.
- Pupil medical and dietary information must be kept up to date. The school must be informed of any changes to pupil needs (Please note any medical/dietary changes in the comments section provided below or contact the School Nurse).

*\*Some adventure activities may incur a small additional cost*

### Pupil Information:

Pupil Name: .....

Year/Tutor Group: .....

I/we give consent to our son/daughter joining Stover School CCF from September 2019, and agree to the terms and conditions outlined above.

I/We are happy for the associated costs to be added to the end of term bill.

Parent/Guardian Name: .....

Signed: ..... Date: .....

Comments:.....  
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