



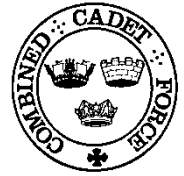
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### COMMANDING OFFICER'S TERMLY UPDATE

#### AUTUMN TERM 2014

This term is the busiest in the CCF training year. We welcome our new recruits, as well as see existing cadets move to the next stages of their training. **Please find below a list of key training dates.**

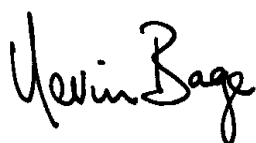
The start of a new training year provides an opportunity to remind all cadets and parents of a few points:

- Regular Attendance** - In order to ensure that training runs smoothly, regular attendance **every Wednesday** evening is expected.  
**First Parade starts at 1900 hrs**                      **Final Parade concludes at 2100 hrs**  
Cadets must be assembled **by 1850 hrs**. Permission to be excused from a parade evening can be requested in advance. Please telephone/email the CCF direct.
- Turnout** – Smart uniform and appearance are part of being a cadet. Uniform must be washed and pressed. Boots must be clean and well polished.  
**Hair on boys will be short, above the collar and with full face showing. Girls will be required to tie long hair back in a bun.**  
**Cadets will not be allowed to participate unless they meet these conditions.**
- Contingent Training Weekend** – We will be running a training weekend during half term at Folkestone, from **Saturday 18 to Monday 20 October**. This will involve Recruits (Third Year), JNCO Cadre (Fifth Year – who need to attend this as part of their course), as well as Senior NCOs. Some Lower Sixth may need to attend part of the weekend – individuals to be notified.
- Remembrance Sunday (09 November)** – A very important event in the CCF calendar. **This is a compulsory event for all cadets.**
- JNCO Cadre (Fifth Year) MOI Assessment Days, Sunday 23 November & Sunday 30 November** – Fifth Years will be required to participate in these important training & testing activities. This forms an integral part of the course. It is very likely that each cadet will only need to attend one of the two days. Dates are a little flexible at the moment, as certain resources from the Army are yet to be confirmed. There will only be two days offered to complete this part of the JNCO Cadre.
- New uniform issue** – As you may be aware, the UK Armed Forces have recently transitioned to a new combat uniform, the Personal Clothing System (PCS). Over the course of this term we will be exchanging old CS95 uniform for new PCS uniform for all cadets (Army and RAF) in the Fourth Year and above. It is important that Sizing Charts, when issued, are completed and returned as quickly as possible to the letterbox in the CCF HQ to facilitate this process.

Recruits (Third Years) will be issued old-pattern CS95 uniform initially, and PCS will be issued to them at a later date.

7. **Brown boots** – As part of the uniform change mentioned in paragraph 6, the UK Armed Forces are moving to brown (rather than black) boots. Recruits (Third Years) will be directed to purchase brown boots during the 'Boot Fitting' session run on a Wednesday night – boots will be ordered for them and the cost added to the bill (see paragraph 9 below). Cadets in all other year groups, when buying new boots in the future, should henceforth purchase brown ones. Cadets or parents should contact us for advice on recommended models and suppliers. There will be no pressure on cadets to purchase brown boots until they grow out of their old black ones or wear them out. Cadets who are currently in need of new boots should speak to QM staff during the Recruits' Boot Fitting and see if they are able to order boots as part of this larger order.
8. **Old black boots** – As and when cadets in the Fourth Year and above purchase new brown boots, we will ask if they are willing to contribute their old black ones to the unit. We are hoping to build a stockpile of black boots for issue as part of ceremonial orders of dress. As boots are not issued and are purchased by cadets, they should feel under no obligation to return them to us if they have further use for them outside of CCF; but if they do not want to keep them, we will be very happy and grateful to take them off their hands.
9. **CCF Subscription** – This is £75 per cadet for the year (£120 for recruits - to cover the cost of boots & items of kit), and will be added to your School account during the Autumn Term.

If you would like to discuss any aspect of the CCF further please contact Capt Gordon Wilkinson (Sports Centre) or Lt Mathew Owen (Classics) at School. Alternatively, you can contact me on the email address above.



**K M BAGE**  
**Wg Cdr**  
**Contingent Commander**

#### **CCF DATES FOR AUTUMN TERM 2014**

Wed	24	September	1915 hrs	Third Year Registration Evening (Parents)	Humphreys Hall
Sat	18	October	0800 hrs	Depart for Recruits/ JNCO Cadre Camp	Folkestone
Mon	20	October	1600 hrs	Return from Recruits/ JNCO Cadre Camp	Folkestone
Thu	06	November	0700 hrs	RAF Section AEF	RAF Benson, Oxon.
Sun	09	November	1000 hrs	Remembrance Parade	School
Thu	13	November	All Day	Army Section – Field Day	Tower of London
Sun	23	November	All Day	JNCO Cadre MOI Day 1	School
Sun	30	November	All Day	JNCO Cadre MOI Day 2	School
Sun	07	December	All Day	Range & Obstacle Course Day	tbc

**Subject to Operational Requirements: the MoD may cancel/change bookings.**

**Timings for All Day/Weekend activities will be confirmed in a Joining Instruction (JI) issued in advance.**