



CATERHAM SCHOOL

Ten Caterham School Cadets Complete Their First Solo Parachute Jump

On 24 and 25 August, ten senior cadets and one officer from Caterham School CCF completed a static line parachute cadre with the Army Parachute Association. The two-day course culminated in a solo static line jump from 3,500 feet.

Saturday was spent at the Joint Service Parachute Centre at Netheravon, Wiltshire undertaking extensive ground training under the tutelage of a military instructor. This included aircraft exit drills, canopy and control checks, the parachute landing fall and malfunction drills. Then, on a still, bright Sunday morning, the eleven parachutists took to the sky and leapt out into the clear blue nothing above Wiltshire's rolling fields. After several minutes swooping around above the airfield, everyone landed safely with enormous smiles on their faces and a great sense of pride in having passed this demanding weekend's cadre with flying colours.



Rob Camps, the military instructor, said, "It was a real pleasure to teach the group, who are all a cracking bunch."

Lt Mathew Owen, the Unit Training Officer, added, "I am extremely proud of the ten cadets who participated in Exercise Skyfall 2014. They were committed, positive, determined and above all courageous throughout. Not one cadet showed even a moment of hesitation in the doorway of the aircraft and they are all to be commended both for the speed with which they took on board all the new skills required and for their bravery."

