

Structure of the CCF

Having now entered recruit training, you hopefully will be looking forward to some sort of training event away from your contingent and met other cadets from around your local area. As you progress, you will meet more and more cadets and understand how you fit into the bigger world of the cadet force.

With around 2100 cadets and 210 Cadet Force Adult Volunteers (CFAVs) spread over 34 contingents, there needs to be a structure in place to make sure things run smoothly. You are part of 11 Brigade South located in Aldershot in Hampshire.

Organisation

The Combined Cadet Force (Army) is split into groupings, known as Contingents. Each grouping is further split down into sub-units called Companies or Platoons. Each of those may have several Platoons or Sections.

Support

The Combined Cadet Force (CCF) is run mainly by adult volunteers (CFAVs) who give up their free time to help in different areas of the organisation, but there are also a small number of full time, permanent staff who are paid by the Ministry Of Defence to oversee key areas.

Here are some of the key people at school level:

- Contingent Commander – 2LT Burchell
- Cadet Force Adult Volunteers (CFAVs) Section Commanders
2Lt Sully, 2Lt Clark,.

There are also other organisations that support the CCF:

- CCFA – Combined Cadet Force Association – A registered charity dedicated to promoting the ideals and activities of the CCF.
- RFCA – Reserve Forces & Cadet Association – Ensures the CCF continues to get support to thrive with the support of their local communities, employers and schools.
- The British Army – provides operational command and funding for the CCF (A).

Cadet Progress

As a recruit cadet you would have been given an overview of the APC (Army Proficiency Certificate) syllabus, but here is a bit more detail on what you can expect as you progress through the training levels.

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Recruit:

This is where it all began. As a new recruit, part of your training was probably done without even having full uniform. Everything was brand new, and passing recruit training seemed like a real challenge.

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Recruit passed/basic training:

Having now passed recruit training you are now completing basic training, you are also eligible for promotion to Lance-Corporal. Most lessons can still be taught and tested at school, but some parts will most likely be dealt with on weekends, field days or at annual camp.



Basic passed/advanced training:

Once you have completed all of the lessons and tests outlined in your workbook, you will pass basic and start your advanced training. Once you have passed basic you are also eligible for promotion to Corporal. You will also start to learn Cadet Force Instructional Techniques (CFIT), and pass the Junior Cadet Instructors Cadre (JCIC).



Advanced passed/continuation training:

A lot of advanced training can be done at school, but more testing takes place on weekends and camps. You will be expected to set a good example to new cadets and on completion of advanced training, you will be eligible for promotion to Sergeant.