



3rd June 2025

## Dear Parent/Carer

Today your child received a talk in school on the Combined Cadet Force (RAF), detailing the activities that are on offer and all the experiences they might participate in. Following this presentation your child has shown an interest in joining and I am delighted to confirm that your child has the opportunity to join the Royal Air Force Air Cadet Contingent here at Etone College.

We meet on a Tuesday evening after school at 15.15 for 2 hours, therefore provision will need to be made to collect your child at 17.15hrs from the main entrance.

Being in the Royal Air Force Air Cadets gives the cadet opportunities such as:

- I Annual Camp (School run)
- I Core Royal Air Force Air Cadet Camp (places are allocated)
- 2 Weekend Camps (Trust Central School Barr Beacon Walsall)
- Opportunities for Shooting
- Opportunities for Flying (Glider and Powered Aircraft)
- RAF Station Visits
- Adventurous Training
- Military Museum Visits
- Leadership Courses
- First Aid Training
- Method of Instruction Courses
- A BTEC in Aviation Studies Level 2

## And so much more.

As you can see, Cadets will receive an action-packed programme throughout their time in the CCF and aid them in gaining a whole host of additional experiences. As mentioned, some activities will take place during the school day, however there will be occasions where activities will take place on weekends and during the holidays.

Starting on June 10th, and for the two weeks following, your child will have the opportunity to participate/observe CCF sessions on a Tuesday after school to give them some idea of what the CCF is all about before CCF resumes after the summer holidays. At the end of the last taster session If you would like your child to join cadets in Sept a pack with some forms that will need to be returned will be given to them.







In September, if your child wishes to continue with the CCF, a weekly subscription payment of £2.50 for the next 39 weeks and every 39 weeks of each subsequent year that your child is a member of the Etone CCF Contingent, will need to be paid. All payments will need to be made via the Parent Pay portal. We never want a cadet to be excluded from cadets because of costs. If you have any issues with the subscription payments please contact Fg Off Gittings who will find a solution for your child to be able to attend.

I must stress at this stage, that this is not a recruitment vehicle for the armed forces, but a way in which schools can access the valuable resources and skills that they possess.

If you would like your child to attend the three taster sessions please give consent on the form which can be accessed from the link or QR code below. Your child cannot attend the session without this consent.

## https://forms.office.com/e/JN8RBZaYHC



I look forward to welcoming your child into the CCF family. It's an exciting time at Etone College and with the CCF gaining strength the Cadets are in for a great experience. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Fg Off Gittings, who is our School Staff Instructor, and he will be more than happy to answer any questions you may have.

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Yours sincerely

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