

# LANCASTER ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

## Applying To Join LRGS CCF

### 1. CONTINGENT

LRGS runs a successful and well-attended Combined Cadet Force. Combined means we have Royal Naval, Army and Royal Air Force Sections. In addition we accept recruits from LGGS. Pupils are eligible to join the CCF at the end of year 8 to start training from September in Year 9.

There will be the opportunity to view the CCF during games period 7 on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June for those who wish to do so.

Our adult volunteers pride themselves on the delivery of valuable skills which benefit boys and girls in whatever walk of life that they choose to follow. All CCF sections offer a range of activities, including discipline and drill, first aid, navigation, shooting (in the school's own indoor range) and adventurous training. Whilst the medium for our training is military skills and the MOD provides most of our uniform, equipment and financial grants, I must emphasise that the CCF is not a recruitment tool for the MOD. However, exposure to military ethos and training techniques will be invaluable to those who are considering a career in the Armed Forces.

As well as attending the weekly activities, cadets are encouraged to go on camps and courses with their respective service and complete leadership training courses. Cadets from all 3 sections are invited to the annual Easter adventure training camp which may involve coasteering, abseiling, canoeing and raft building amongst others.

The camps are organised to give cadets an opportunity to practise the skills and techniques that have been taught over the previous weeks. Whilst some of the training days do take place in term time, dates are arranged to minimise the impact on their studies. CCF training takes place at LRGS from 3.30 pm to about 5 pm on Tuesdays, so that it does not interfere with schoolwork or homework. Whilst it is the adult volunteers that ensure a spectrum of skills are taught, it is the senior cadets who deliver most of the training; consequently, those cadets who attain NCO status gain further opportunities for self development.

### 2. RN SECTION

RN cadets have gone on sailing and sub-aqua courses with the Royal Navy, and have been aboard naval vessels whilst they were at sea. They have sailed on Pine Lake, Killington Lake and had opportunities to compete in numerous regattas. A highly successful annual watermanship visit to Southport has been introduced to gain sailing qualifications as has regular after school sailing in the Summer Term.

### 3. ARMY SECTION

Cadets in the Army Section focus more on safe weapon handling, shooting and tactical training. In addition to the weekly training and the summer camp, there is the opportunity to attend an overnight training camp once a term. The highlight is a week spent at annual camp which usually involves an overnight blank firing exercise, shooting and the assault course amongst other activities. Army Cadets can attend a wide range of courses including adventure training and leadership courses. Bronze and Gold Duke of Edinburgh awards are also available through the Army section. Army cadets shoot on the school's own range.

#### 4. RAF SECTION

The RAF section offers cadets the chance to engage in a range of activities that will enhance their ability to work in a team and to develop their leadership skills. They may get the chance to fly in a Grob Tutor two seater aircraft with the experienced pilots of an Air Experience Flight. This combined with ground school tutoring in a flight simulator will enable cadets to earn a coveted pair of "wings". There are plenty of opportunities to learn about other aviation related topics and skills such as map reading and aviation navigation, radio communications, shooting, first aid, drill and problem-solving exercises. There is an annual camp at an RAF base, where cadets will learn about many facets of life and operations of the RAF as well as partake in a range of adventurous activities such as coasteering, abseiling and canoeing. The section has become successful in the National Air Squadron Trophy.

The RAF section is severely understaffed. If you are intending for your son/daughter to join the RAF section then please volunteer to help by contacting me at the above email address.

#### 5. PAYMENT

Although the CCF activities are heavily subsidised by the MOD, there are additional costs that need to be met. Cadets are charged an annual £50 subscription. This covers the cost of items of equipment and insurance not provided by the MOD and expenses such as badges and awards. A one-off uniform deposit of £40 is also charged and will be returned when the full uniform is returned, clean and in good condition. **Both payments are required before uniform may be collected.** Other costs that you can expect from CCF activities are around £150-£300 for week-long summer and Easter camps and around £20 for short courses and exercises. All payments are to be made electronically through the LRGS Wisepay system, look under **General Payments, CCF (ARMY/NAVY/RAF) Subscriptions 2026/2027**, no cheque or cash payments will be accepted.

#### 6. APPLYING TO JOIN THE RN OR RAF CADETS

The selection procedures are different for each section. Places in the RN and the RAF are limited. If your child would like to join the RN or RAF CCF they should complete the application form via the link below by the **deadline of 05/07/26**.

[CCF Navy or RAF Signup – Fill in form](#)

If your child is successful in joining the RN or RAF they will be informed they have received a place. To accept the place complete the above payment as well as the on-line consent and data collection form via the link below.

#### 7. APPLYING TO JOIN THE ARMY CADETS

To join the Army section complete the payment as well as the on-line consent and data collection form via the link below. Payment guarantees a place unless we find that we are oversubscribed in which case we'll get back to you.

## 8. FINAL

We also require permission to hold the most basic records on a MOD database. Please be assured that the minimum amount of information will be held for accountability purposes.

The volunteers and I very much enjoy the opportunity to use the CCF to foster qualities of self-reliance, leadership, responsibility and a sense of public service, all whilst having a little bit of fun! We are always in need of additional help so if you are interested in joining the ranks of the adult team then please contact me. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask me or other members of the CCF team.

Yours sincerely,

*David Rowe*

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Contingent Commander LRGS CCF