



Rossall School Combined Cadet Force

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Dear Parent(s), Agent(s)

Welcome to Rossall School Combined Cadet Force which is well under way as I am writing this letter.

Activities will now run after school on **Mondays** from 15:25–17:20 hours and are compulsory for all students in Years 9 and 10. Students in Year 11 and Sixth Formers also have the opportunity to stay on in the CCF upon selection as a non-commissioned officer (NCO) and this prestigious role is a wonderful opportunity to hone skills in leadership, planning and teamwork. The CCF is voluntary in Year 11 and Sixth Form but in Sixth Form, boys and girls are required to show evidence of commitment to some form of community service and CCF is one option available to them.

Below are a series of points that should help answer any queries you may have. If you do have any further questions, please feel free to contact me directly by email on: i.mccleary@rossall.org.uk

1. The Combined Cadet Force is not a recruiting organisation but is partially financed by the MOD. It aims to give young people opportunities in leadership, self-reliance, adventure training and to develop students both in mind and body in a way that many other school activities are unable to do.
2. Regular training **NOW** takes place on Mondays as already highlighted; the first day of training was Monday 5 September 2011. The importance for this academic year will be on turnout, drill, and the No8 rifle for the Army section, the Navy, RAF and Band section will have different commitments to the Army. Cadets will be expected to parade in full CCF uniform which must be clean and pressed, with polished footwear. If a cadet is going to miss a parade, a letter is needed from yourselves on the Friday prior to CCF parade explaining the reason for the absence
3. Voluntary cadet training will take place on Wednesdays from 15:25 - 17:20 hours. Year 9 & 10 cadets can come along and get more experience, year 11 will do their method of instruction course to prepare them for the BTEC in public services www.cvqo.org, and the Sixth Form will prepare their lessons for the following Monday. There will be occasions on the Wednesday to take cadets sailing, flying, shooting and adventure training activities.
4. **The Queen & School Standards** were presented on the morning of the 29 June 2010 by the Lord Lieutenant of Lancashire. This was a very prestigious event in the School's history as, with evidence to support our claim, Rossall School is the oldest Combined Cadet Force in the country.

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5. The CCF at Rossall Schools runs four Sections – Navy, Army, RAF and Band and your son or daughter will undergo basic training in Years 9 and 10. As cadet's progress through their time at the school, more advanced training is offered, until eventually they may be selected as a non-commissioned officer and be involved in cadet training and leading activities.
6. There are three Field Days run by the school each academic year; one in Michaelmas Term, one in Lent Term and one in Summer Term. The Field Day in Michaelmas Term will be held Tuesday 11 October 2011 and will be an all day event with no overnight sleep out. The Field Day in Lent Term will be Tuesday 7 February 2012 and will be an all-day event with no overnight sleep out. Field Day in Summer Term 2012 will be 3 and 4 July 2012 with an overnight sleep out.
7. Students will get so much more from the CCF if they commit to the camps, trips and visits offered by us throughout the year. Each of these activities is advertised well in advance and interested students will take a letter home outlining the activity. Adventure training camp for next year has been booked and will take place in Capel Curig in Snowdonia North Wales. It will involve camping, hillwalking, kayaking, climbing and abseiling. The dates being 8–14 April 2012 inclusive. Summer camp is being planned at present and will be at Warcop in Cumbria 7–14 July 2012, a letter will be sent out at the earliest opportunity for this trip.
8. Alongside these school-run camps and trips, the MOD offer camps and courses that your son or daughter may go on. These include wind surfing, diving, power-boating, sailing, kayaking, leadership, walking, climbing, shooting, and first aid; many lead to a nationally recognised qualification. Details about these courses are advertised to your son or daughter.
9. Whilst the MOD subsidises much of this training they will not pay for certain items of uniform (boots and twisters) and will not cover all our travel and messing costs, so a minimal charge may occur to cover the cost of these items.
10. A half term and end of term newsletter is being produced, and will be sent to parents and agents so that you will be fully aware of what is happening, both currently and in the future for the School Cadet Force.
11. Attached is the policy for shooting, a document that is worth reading.

To conclude, I would like to mention the School website. Please use it; it contains a lot of information, especially on the CCF web page. To access click on the sport and activities icon, then click on the Combined Cadet Force icon, from where you will have options to make your selection.

Yours sincerely

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