

Stamford Endowed Schools CCF

Stamford Endowed Schools' CCF began life in 1916 as Stamford School OTC (Officer Training Corps) and today has a strength of approximately 350 cadets and 16 officers, supported by outside instructors from all three of the regular forces. Day to day contingent administration and management of the stores is taken care of by the SSI (School Staff Instructor). The Contingent is divided into RN, Army and RAF sections.

CCF takes place as a voluntary activity on Friday afternoons from 1530–1730. All boys and girls in Y10 are eligible to join. Those joining SES in Y11–13 are also eligible and, if they have the ability, are “fast-tracked” through the various CCF tests and examinations.

On joining the CCF, all cadets immediately become members of their chosen section and undergo a combination of basic and service-specific training, with a practical test and/or written examination at the end of each unit. The units, which continue into Y11, include turn-out, drill, command tasks, weapon handling & safety, map reading, navigation, first aid, field craft, chart work, sailing, tactics, battle drills, signals procedure, the theory of flight, engines, airframes and equipment recognition. In addition, selected Y11 cadets undergo NCO Cadre training, successful completion of which qualifies them for promotion to JNCO rank towards the end of the academic year.

During the summer term, the focus switches to adventurous training, where cadets can experience climbing, military obstacle courses, dry skiing & snowboarding, sailing, canoeing, cycling, raft building and orienteering.

Training weekends away from school are made available to cadets several times in the year, during which they can put their field training skills into practice, at such military training areas as Stanford, Beckingham and Yardley Chase. Cadets are also encouraged to train for selection for the Combat Cadet and Cranwell competitions, held each year in Apr and Nov respectively.

The School's shooting team, which has won many national honours in recent years, is made up of CCF members and competes annually at Bisley in the Schools, Imperial and Ashburton meets, as well as taking part in the Country Life competition. We are very fortunate in having our own accommodation at Bisley, which affords the opportunity of regular residential practice weekends.

All three sections offer a wide range of residential camps and courses during the school holidays, in such activities as leadership, sailing, gliding and flying.

Other facilities available to the CCF include the School's own indoor rifle range and the SES “Barn” in the Lake District, which is ideally placed for walking, kayaking, navigation exercises and expedition training.

The CCF represents SES at several civic parades each year: Remembrance Sunday and Remembrance Day (in Stamford & Barnack), Battle of Britain Day, Anzac Day (in Peterborough) and Armed Forces Day.

Those cadets who wish to do so may put their CCF experience and achievements towards the Public Services BTEC qualification, which is equivalent to four GCSEs.

Careers Liaison Officer from each of the regular forces visits the School so that those who are interested in a forces career can discuss the options, including 6th Form Scholarships, Direct Entry and University Cadetships.

The CCF has close links with The Royal Anglians (Affiliated Regiment), RAF Wittering (Parent Station), RAF Coningsby (Affiliated Station) and is affiliated to the Barnack branch of the Royal British Legion.

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