



Llandoverly College Combined Cadet Force
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Participation in Combined Cadet Force and Duke of Edinburgh Award activities.

Dear Parent,

Your son/daughter/ward may be joining the Combined Cadet Force (CCF) this year, either as a cadet or participating in the Duke of Edinburgh Award (D of E). The CCF is a youth organisation sponsored by the ministry of defence and is a key component of the extra-curricular programme in many independent schools.

The aims of the CCF are to provide a disciplined organisation within schools which allows boys and girls to develop powers of leadership, through military and adventurous training and to nurture within them qualities which include a sense of responsibility, self-reliance, resourcefulness and endurance. It is considered that the acquisition of these personal attributes at a formative stage will remain of value throughout life, and be relevant to whatever professions are ultimately pursued.

In their first year of CCF pupils are instructed in subjects such as: military knowledge, drill, turnout, map reading, camp-craft, safe weapon handling, shooting and field-craft. The first years training is completed with a summer camp in the first week of the summer holidays. All Year 9 cadets are expected to attend this summer camp in order to complete the first phase of their training. Pupils that do not complete this training may not be eligible to progress to more advanced training in the following year.

In the second year of CCF, and in conjunction with the D of E pupils can take part in more adventurous type pursuits such as clay pigeon shooting, expedition training, canoeing, climbing, abseiling, horsemanship and hill-walking. This second year of training culminates in a 5 day adventurous training camp in the first week of the Easter holidays; after which they may qualify for their Army or RAF Proficiency Certificate. All Year 10 cadets are expected to attend this adventurous training camp in order to complete the second phase of their training. Cadets that do not complete this camp will not be eligible to progress to completing the Expedition Phase of their D of E. Year 10 cadets are also encouraged to attend the Army or RAF summer camps to further develop their potential leadership skills by helping the junior cadets on these camps. After these two years they may opt to stay in the CCF as a Non Commissioned Officer (NCO) with the option to complete a BTEC First Diploma in Public Services which when completed is equivalent to achieving 4 GCSEs at grade 'C'.

Pupils in Years 11 and 12 with no previous experience of the CCF may opt to join a cadre where they will receive the training necessary to help them become useful Junior NCOs within the CCF. All Junior NCOs are expected to attend one camp and a leadership course in Year 11 in order to complete their initial NCO training. NCOs that do not complete this training will not be eligible for promotion to more senior ranks. Those pupils who wish to participate in the D of E also become members of the CCF in order to complete the expedition training they require to safely complete the expedition phase of their award. Membership of the CCF gives D of E participants insurance cover through the CCF insurance scheme along with access to CCF owned equipment and transport (provided by the ministry of defence) helping to reduce costs to parents.

All Pupils in Years 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 are charged a 'membership' fee of £7.00 per person per year which covers insurance premiums for all CCF and D of E training. In addition Pupils in Years 10, 11, 12 and 13 who participate in the D of E are charged an enrollment and training fee of £35.00 per person per year. This fee does not cover the cost of overnight camps or expeditions which will vary according to the award being completed and the camp sites used. As part of their preparation for the expedition pupils are also expected to attend at least 2 practice walks where they receive the training needed and are assessed on their suitability to complete the expedition. These practice walks usually take place on a weekend during term time. Pupils that do not attend the 2 walks cannot be assessed as to their suitability and will not be permitted to continue with the expedition phase of the award.

Dates of CCF and D of E training events and details or requirements are posted in the calendar on the website and further information on the CCF is available within the Senior School section – Extra Curricular.

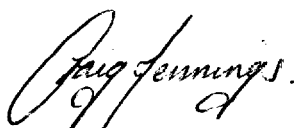
During their training your son/daughter/ward will be allowed to attend special training days away from College, provided you have completed a consent form allowing them to do so. A consent form is included with this letter and should be completed, if you have not already done so, and returned to me at Llandovery College CCF. This consent remains valid for the full period of membership. Pupils will not be able to attend these 'extra' training days if a form has not been completed.

The Army and RAF provide the uniform needed for training with the exception of boots. You are welcome to purchase your own boots provided they match the regulation style, but from past experience, some people purchase boots which are unsuitable for the training undertaken. If you so wish the CCF are willing to purchase boots on your behalf and, provided they are still in reasonable condition, are willing to exchange them for larger sizes or even buy them back at a reasonable price when they are no longer of use. We are unwilling to do this for non-regulation or privately purchased boots.

The cost of new boots, including a CCF 'T' shirt, is £55.00. I will be talking to your son/daughter/ward in the near future about the style of boot that will be acceptable for training. 'Worn in' boots are available from £30.00, depending on condition, and a CCF 'T' shirt is £8.00; both of which offer excellent value for money.

I should be grateful if you would complete and return the attached Consent forms informing me of your wishes.

Yours sincerely,



(Lt Col / Contingent Commander)

General Consent Form for CCF and D of E activities.

Please complete any spaces and delete the inappropriate words contained in brackets.

Consent form for: (Please insert name)

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I hereby consent for the above named to take part in arduous military and adventurous training as a member of Llandovery College CCF, including: flying in aircraft, riding on military transport, shooting, 'combat' training including shooting on combat simulators, abseiling, rock-climbing, hill-walking, canoeing, caving, sub aqua diving, quad biking, running over an assault course or similar, suitable and authorised activities under the supervision of current, competent and qualified instructors and / or supervisors in accordance with current legislation and CCF regulations.

My (son / daughter / ward) can / cannot swim 20 metres in light clothing.

Please write below any information concerning the health of your (son / daughter / ward) which we should be informed of: (e.g. infectious diseases or hospital admissions in the last 3 months, medication being taken, injuries, allergies, phobias etc.)

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Do you give permission for your (son / daughter / ward) to self administer any medication they are on?

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My (son / daughter / ward) has the following specific dietary requirements:

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Full name of Cadet: is free from infection and fit to attend CCF training.

Please write the address and telephone number where we can contact you and your family doctor during any 'off campus' training.

Your Address:

Family Doctor's address:

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Telephone number:Telephone number:.....

If, in an emergency during CCF training, in the opinion of a medical officer your (son / daughter / ward) requires Surgery, or other medical treatment, in the interest of maintaining health; do you give permission for treatment to be given?

Signed: Date.....

Consent to publicity photography.

From time to time the C.C.F. take photographs and film footage of cadets at their unit or taking part in activities, camps, sports and training weekends to help promote the work of the organisations.

These photographs and images may appear in the press, printed publications, promotional videos on a notice board or website.

Please note that cadets whose photographs appear on the website will not be identified nor will postal addresses be included in any news releases.

Before photographs of your child are taken, your permission is needed.

Please answer the 2 questions below:

- May your child’s photograph be used to publicise the CCF and D of E Award?
Yes / No
- Stories, including photographs, are sent regularly to the media, especially local press. May your child’s photograph be used in this way?
Yes / No

Signed:

Date:

This consent remains valid for the full period of cadet membership.

Parents or guardians may withdraw this consent at any time by writing to the Contingent Commander.

Consent to purchase clothing equipment from the CCF.

Please complete and/or delete as appropriate.

- My (son / daughter / ward) (insert name)
..... will
require size boots and will require a S / M / L `T` shirt.
- I would like the CCF to purchase boots and / or a `T` shirt on my behalf
- I wish to make my own arrangements for purchasing boots.

- I have enclosed a cheque for (Please add D of E enrolment fee @ £35.00 where appropriate) £..... payable to Llandovery College CCF.
- I would like the cost to be added to my bill.

Signed

Date