



Essex Army Cadet Force.

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NOTES FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS (Version 4: 21st March 2008)

The notes here are intended to give some basic information to help address any queries or concerns you may have. Normally, your cadet's Detachment Commander should be able to assist with any local queries you may have, but feel free to contact the Company Headquarters, or the County Headquarters if you prefer.

Contact details are as follows:

	HQ details	Covering these detachments
A Company	T A Centre. Clive Road. Warley. BRENTWOOD. Essex. CM13 3UJ T: 01277 211620 Wednesday: 1900-2200 hrs	Brentwood, Grays, Ongar, Stanford-Le-Hope, Tilbury, Waltham Abbey, Warley, Basildon
B Company	T A Centre. Old Road. HARLOW. Essex. CM17 0HD T: 01279 451698 Wednesday: 1900-2130 hrs	Chelmsford, Dunmow, Harlow Town, Harlow Old Town, Maldon, Melbourne, Saffron Walden, Epping
C Company	Cadet Centre. Oak Walk. LEIGH ON SEA. Essex. SS9 4UH T: 01702 523982 Wednesday: 1945-2230 hrs	Billericay, Canvey Island, Dengie Hundred (Southminster) Leigh-on-Sea, Rayleigh, Southend, Shoeburyness, South Woodham Ferrers
D Company	T A Centre. Circular Road East. COLCHESTER. Essex. CO2 7SZ T: 01206 573066 Wednesday: 1915-2200 hrs	Braintree, Brightlingsea, Clacton-on-Sea, Colchester, Dovercourt, Manningtree, Parsons Heath Witham
County HQ	T A Centre. Springfield Lyons. Colchester Road. CHELMSFORD. CM2 5TA T: 01245 462302 Normal Office Hours	Contact: Major John CAIGER
County Training Centre	Cherry Tree Lane. Blackheath. COLCHESTER. Essex. CO2 0BP T: 01206 768227	This centre is use for weekend training by Detachments, Companies, and County HQ. Normally manned from approx. 1900hrs Friday to 1500hrs Sunday.

You can learn more about the Army Cadet Force on the official National website - www.armycadets.com
or on the official Essex ACF County website - www.essexarmycadets.com

Uniforms: are issued free, but you will need to buy a pair of boots. You will be required to pay a one-off (non-refundable) joining fee of £ 30.00.

Subscriptions: Your Detachment may charge a weekly subscription to support local purchases. This should not exceed £1.00/week.

Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme: We encourage all cadets to participate in this scheme, which runs alongside their normal cadet training. Nationally recognised, an award at Bronze, Silver or Gold level is very good to include on a CV. Joining age is 14. You will need to purchase a scheme record book (currently £11.00 for Bronze and Silver & £16.00 for Gold) through your Detachment. Cheques should be made payable to 'Essex Army Cadet Force'. You can find out more about the scheme at www.armycadetsandtheaward.org.uk.

BTEC: This scheme offers all Cadets over 16 the opportunity to earn, at no cost, a choice of internationally recognised vocational qualifications that are respected by employers as well as institutes of higher education. Whether your objective is further education or improved opportunities in the workforce, a qualification through CVQO can give you the additional edge you need to reach those goals!

BTEC Qualifications currently on offer:

- The BTEC First Diploma in Public Services
- The BTEC First Diploma in Music
- The BTEC First Diploma in Engineering
- The ILM Level 2 Certificate in Team Leading

You can find out more about the scheme at: www.cvqo.co.uk

Easter/Annual Camp: Each Company normally has a 3 or 4 day camp at Easter - details will be made available by the Company HQ. The County has a two week Annual Camp every year, normally the last week of July and the first week of August. **When planning your annual holidays, please take this into account! Details are published in January each year, on the County website. Annual camp costs are usually in the region of £100.00.**

We are always looking for adult instructors - if you would like to know more about joining, visit www.armycadets.com