

The Ministry of Defence sponsored cadets are youth organisations that offer a structured programme of challenging and enjoyable activities and which prepare them to play an active part in the community while learning useful life skills. Sea Cadets, Army Cadets and Air Cadets can be found in locations all over Surrey.



Cadets meet once or twice a week under the guidance of Cadet Force Adult Volunteers. These qualified volunteer staff guide and instruct cadets so they can flourish through a varied and challenging programme. Being a part of a cadet unit gives young people the chance to find out what they can achieve. The activities offered help to build their confidence, resourcefulness, resilience, team working skills and leadership. Cadet activities range from outdoor and adventurous endeavours to structured training which can lead to useful qualifications including the Duke of Edinburgh Awards and BETECs.



You may not be surprised to learn that cadets learn to march, but did you know that they also learn practical skills such as first aid? Cadets can gain recognised first aid qualifications, including First Aid at Work. There are opportunities for cadets to learn how to play a musical instrument and to join a cadet band. Adventurous activities include climbing, sailing, mountain biking and navigation with map and compass.

Air cadets enjoy regular opportunities to fly in dual seat tutor aircraft and in gliders. Experience of practical flying enhances their understanding of classroom based aviation studies.



It is probably not surprising that sea cadets enjoy a range of water-based activities including off-shore and dinghy sailing, rowing, paddle sports and navigation in powered craft.



Over 1,000 young people from across Surrey are members of the cadet organisations, but there are many more who are missing out on the challenges and adventures that could transform their lives. Many will not be aware of the cadet organisations or what they offer. The Sea Cadets, Army Cadets and Air Cadets are keen to promote their organisations and would like to attract more members to the individual units which are situated in most towns and cities. Cadet membership is open to anyone between the age of 12, and in year 8, and below 17 years old. If you feel that your students would enjoy the activities and would benefit from the opportunities offered please support your local cadet units by agreeing to requests to display promotional posters and leaflets. You might also consider whether it would be possible for staff from the local unit to give a presentation to your students during a lunch-break or, perhaps, during assembly.

Further Information about cadets can be found on the following websites:

www.seacadets.org

www.armycadets.com

www.aircadets.org

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Combined Cadet Forces are based in many schools, for further information and information regarding the Cadet Expansion Programme please visit the website, www.combinedcadetforce.org.uk

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