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CADETS ON PARADE AT CAMBRIDGE REGIONAL COLLEGE

Boots were shining and uniforms ironed to perfection when proud Cambridge cadets were inspected by the Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire Sir Michael Oliver today.



Cadets at CRC during inspection

The cadets are all students on the National Diploma Uniformed Public Services course at Cambridge Regional College, based in Kings Hedges Road.

The ACF detachment was created in October 08 in support of the National Diploma course which gives the students an insight into careers in the Armed Forces, Police, Fire Brigade, Prison Service and Ambulance Service.

Sir Oliver who was joined by Councillor Victor Lucas at the official opening ceremony, inspected the parade before going on to hear from the students themselves about their own experiences on the course and the opportunities available to young people at the college.

The ACF detachment is run by Staff Sergeant Peter Hockey and a team of enthusiastic volunteers drawn from the teachers within Cambridge Regional College. He said, "The College detachment is open to all students studying on the National Diploma Uniformed Public Services course. Our focus is adventure and enjoyment. Attendance is purely voluntary and the cadets have the opportunity to work towards nationally recognised academic and non-academic qualifications including the Duke of Edinburgh award and a BTEC National Diploma in Public Services."

In addition to meeting on weekdays, the cadets can also attend regular weekend training trips and an annual training camp where cadets from all across the country come together. They are also instructed in basic drill, navigation, field-craft, signals and leadership.

Debbie Casey, Head of Academy at Cambridge Regional College said, "I welcome the addition of the detachment to the College. It will enable the students to develop their sense of responsibility and the qualities of self-reliance, resourcefulness and endurance; all traits we see amongst the Armed Services today."

The Army Cadet Force is a vibrant youth organisation for pupils aged between 13 and 18, offering developmental opportunities in a unique educational partnership with the colleges / schools in which they are based.

The ACF is not part of the UK Armed Forces. Whilst adult volunteers and cadets do wear uniform they do not incur any liability for service or compulsory training in the Armed Forces as a result of being an ACF member.

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