



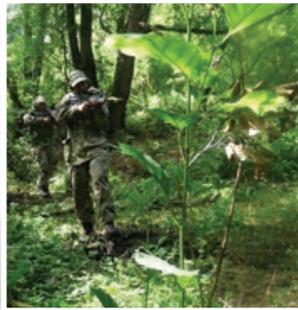
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# From the Contingent Commander

**2016/17 has proven to be another busy and enjoyable year for the Contingent. Very ably led by Cadet RSM Tom Walton, the CCF has continued to be a prominent fixture within the heart of the school. Tom's dedication and commitment to the CCF in a busy A Level year for him was outstanding. The CCF wishes him and his fellow NCOs every success in life beyond Bancroft's.**

As you will read in the articles that follow the number of cadets on roll remains at an all-time high and the enjoyment derived from the diverse activities undertaken is obvious. The relevance and need for leadership development within a school such as Bancroft's remains clear and the setting the CCF provides with its range of pursuits, both military and civilian in focus, is an ideal vehicle to achieve this.

Once again this year cadets have represented the school well as they have attended external Cadet Leadership Courses and it is always encouraging to read the post course reports. The feedback is always positive and confirms what talented and able pupils we have at Bancroft's.

This year we were inspected by Group Captain Tait, Station Commander of RAF Honington – our parent station. A former Air Cadet himself, he spoke of the positive impact the cadet movement had had on him and how he is keen to support it. His written report was pleasingly positive, "In sum, this is clearly a vibrant CCF Unit that has a wide-range of development activities on offer for the Cadets. It is well-led by Major Hitching and the Unit enjoys the full support of

Bancroft's School, the Headmaster and the Board of Governors. The Unit should be commended for a first-class Biennial Review." Additionally, the day benefitted greatly from the input of Lieutenant Nick Teece OB who pulled some strings resulting in a Royal Navy Merlin helicopter landing on the school field, adding further to the occasion and successfully distracting those fortunate enough still to be in Period 8.

In addition to thanking Tom Walton and the cadets for their good humour, commitment and hard work I would like to thank Old Bancroftians Major Laurence Baum and Finlay Ferguson for their support at Army Camp and the staff for the time and effort they put into making the CCF a success throughout the year. In particular our resourceful and steadfast SSI, Mr Pascal. Despite the ever increasing bureaucratic load imposed by the MOD on CCFs, his willingness to go the extra mile in support of the children is remarkable. The skill and patience needed just to navigate the red tape prior to deploying from barracks on exercise is worthy of praise in itself but to do it in such remarkably good spirit and to such great effect in delivering excellent training is truly commendable.

I hope you enjoy reading the reflections of the cadets that follow. If you would like to contribute an article, photo or memory to the next issue of Honour & Glory please contact [office@bancrofts.org](mailto:office@bancrofts.org).

***Major R M Hitching***



# Biennial Review



Early on Tuesday 28th March 2017 the contingent headed up to Epping Forest to signal the start of 2017's Biennial Review. This is a chance for the contingent to be reviewed and assessed by a senior military officer, and this year we were lucky to have Group Captain Tait from RAF Honington.

The first part of the day in Epping Forest saw cadets split up into eight sections to compete in an inter-section Biennial Tournament, similar to the Dan Clack competition held later in the year at Army Camp. Moving around the area the sections, led by L6th NCOs, were able to compete in eight stands run by NCOs in the U6th. Stands included CASEVAC (casualty evacuation), laser tag, sniper stalk, observation, navigation, military knowledge and command tasks. All stands were designed to test the leadership and teamwork abilities of the sections and the skills of the NCOs running them.

As the day progressed Group Captain Tait, along with other guests, arrived at the area to see the sections competing as they navigated from stand to stand. It was nice to see how interested the Inspecting Officer



and guests were in the dynamics of the day as the cadets competed to win the Biennial Tournament. The Group Captain himself even got to try out the Military Knowledge stand run by CSM Josh Sekhon, which I must say he did very well on. Once all Sections had competed successfully we returned to school for the afternoon's parade and presentation.

Upon arriving back to school we were greeted to the unusual sight of a Royal Navy Merlin helicopter



on the cricket pitch, courtesy of Old Bancroftian Lieutenant Nick Teece Royal Navy and 845 Naval Air Squadron, RNAS Yeovilton. After scrubbing mud off our kit we got the opportunity to have a look round and go inside the Merlin as well as speak to the crew. With most of the school gathered round the cricket pitch, the Merlin took off, and with the roof of the science block just about intact, we formed up in the quad to demonstrate our drill before filing off into the Great Hall. Once seated, some senior cadets and staff gave a presentation on the contingent's activities over the past two years. Following this and the prize giving, Group Captain Tait said a few words praising the efforts of the contingent on representing the CCF both earlier that day and during the past two years.



**RSM T. Walton**





# Cadet Leadership Course

As an NCO in the Bancroft's School CCF, I was offered the opportunity to apply for a place on the Cadet Leadership Course (CLC) run by 11 Infantry Brigade at Dibgate camp in Folkestone. This would be conducted over a period of eight days, beginning on Saturday 22nd October. I had heard from the few senior NCOs in the contingent who had been fortunate enough to attend a course similar to this one, that it was an invariably valuable experience. Thus I gratefully embraced the opportunity and applied immediately. Shortly after, I was informed that I had been accepted and began to prepare by collecting the necessary kit and personal items for the course.

When the 22nd finally arrived I was extremely apprehensive of what lay ahead, but the overriding feeling was one of excitement. The course which I was to attend was in fact the first of a newly designed leadership programme, with not only better resources and a new approach to the syllabus, but also more Directing Staff. The sergeants from 11 Infantry Brigade Cadet Training Team, all with combat experience fresh from serving in Afghanistan and other theatres of war, would monitor and teach us, creating an extremely productive environment. Needless to say, the sum of money spent on the course eclipsed that of any which had gone before it. Expectations were justifiably high.

Upon arriving at Dibgate the cadets were assigned platoons before being assessed on their basic soldiering skills, including their weapon handling and map reading. This, alongside the teaching of new skills, such as the use of the personal night vision headsets (LUCIE goggles) and Personal Role Radios (PRRs), set us up with the knowledge that we would be needing in the field over the week. The Programme included 'lecturette's' on the values and principles of good leadership, there was then plenty of opportunity to apply these in the field at a section level. The exercises were vast and varied ranging from TIWAF (Training in Woodland and Forest) to VCPs (Vehicle Check Points). Some of these were completely new concepts to the cadets and served to enrich our learning even more.

The week climaxed with exercise Final Encounter, a two day exercise which was to include the establishment of platoon harbours, recce patrols, VCPs and a final platoon level attack in which I was fortunate enough to be a Section Commander. Although the course was very full on, with little to no free time, there were some respite periods built-in. These included a fantastic trip to the Battle of Britain memorial and an enlightening talk by Major Andrew Todd of the Royal Gurkha Regiment. Major Todd was the Officer In-Charge of the Everest Expedition which was stranded at Camp 1 when the Nepal Earthquake struck.

Overall I'm extremely glad of attending the CLC run by 11 Infantry Brigade, and I would certainly recommend it to other cadets who are fortunate to be afforded the opportunity to attend. I enjoyed it immensely and developed many valuable, and more importantly transferable, skills which I will carry forward with me in all aspects of my life.

***Sgt C. Simpkins***



# Adventurous Training

Adventurous Training is one of the best school trips you can do. Sure the fear of it being too much like army camp (rifles all day, marching everywhere) may scare some cadets away, but that is because they do not realise just how much fun Adventurous Training is. It is a highlight in the CCF calendar and a week with no military activity. I thoroughly recommend it to any younger cadets.

On the journey to the Lake District, one experiences many wonderful views whether that be across Windermere or the inside of a Burger King on the M6. The centre is based right next to Coniston Water which offers fantastic views at sunset, if you wish to brave the chilly night air. The week itself is filled with challenging, fun activities, which you may never have done before, such as caving and rock climbing. These activities are an enjoyable way to start the week



and help push you to the limit and take you out of your comfort zone. My personal favourite is caving; the submergence into freezing water as you wade through the dark tunnels creates an experience you cannot repeat. This year's caving was particularly memorable as I undertook the "Dragon Challenge" involving crawling through a narrow tunnel and





resulting in the loss of one of my wellington boots.

Following an action packed first few days, we spent three days and two nights walking and camping but do not let previous experiences of DofE scare you away! We do not have to walk with our huge bags just small backpacks carrying the essentials, staying at a campsite which even has showers, bacon sandwiches and croissants. The teachers undertake the same experiences as you do and that is a guarantee that you know it is a fun week. This year found Mrs Coyne, Mrs Graham, Mr Lee and Mr Hitching all camping with us, albeit they were in luxury cabins with a proper roof rather than a tent! If it is the threat of exams and revision that has stopped you from attending Adventurous Training in the past, you need to think again. We are usually back at the centre by 4:00 pm offering many hours to slave over maths papers.

*Cpl C. Rogers*



## A day in the life...

I joined Bancroft's CCF back in 2001 as a scrawny L4th, and now, much to the surprise of Mr Pollard and Mr Bromfield, I am a member of The British Army, serving as a military GP. So what is the life of a GP in the army like?

Having graduated from medical school, I spent my first two years in the same way all junior doctors do; working in a regular civilian hospital, rotating around a variety of departments. For the next three years I was based at Bovington Camp as a General Duties Medical Officer' (GDMO), before continuing my training as a GP. After completing their training programme, army GPs become the doctor to a specific regiment for three years at a time, working alongside them both at home and on deployment.

Each day begins with a morning sick parade where any soldier who feels unwell presents to the medical centre to see the doctor. The first real job involves deciding which soldiers are truly sick and which ones are just trying to get a sick note to allow them to miss PT or their exercise out in the cold wet weather. When I was a boy at school I tried the same myself, so I am a fan of the irony!

As with any GP, the ones that are sick may need nothing more than a few days off of running or some antibiotics, but there are some that might need admitting to hospital for further tests, or taking to A and E as an emergency. Infectious conditions can go

through the barracks where all the soldiers sleep, or a recent deployment to the Caribbean on disaster relief may have brought back a tropical disease. All of these things will need to be assessed in each case. Through the rest of the day, I will see soldiers who have made appointments for any other condition or issue. They may have twisted an ankle on the assault course, or cut their hand clearing brambles. But they could also present with non military issues that may need testing or treatment such as high blood pressure, diabetes or irritable bowel syndrome. And so it is very similar to a GP in any other GP practice. Then there are the partners and children of the soldiers who are also entitled to the same services. So a military GP may just as likely see a toddler with a skin rash as a soldier with a twisted knee.

There are also reviews of a soldier's fitness. For any soldier wanting to attend the Adventurous Training diving trip to Malaysia, or the skiing trip to Norway, they will need a medical to make sure they don't have an injury or illness meaning they cannot attend. For any soldier wanting to attend his promotion course to become an NCO, he will also need a medical for the same reason. Plus for any soldier leaving the service, for whatever reason, they too get a medical to make sure they have all the tests, treatment and care they need before they leave.



Through the rest of the week there may be specific duties that a military GP may need to do. A boxing match between two regiments will need a doctor to sit ringside. A field exercise may need a daily visit to make sure everyone's feet are in good condition and to deal with any injuries in the field. There may be a fall from the top of a tank or a health brief on good nutrition. All of these are duties a military GP may be required to perform, and indeed all duties I have performed at some point. Then there are the weekly meetings between commanding officers, medical officers and the Padre. Any soldier that has problems at home, concerns about his ability, or issues the unit need to be aware of are discussed. At these meetings the overall health of the unit is discussed- Is the physical training too tough? Is everyone going on deployment able to get their vaccines in time?

Then for any expedition, deployment or humanitarian mission, the Medical Officer will have to come up with a 'Med Plan' to make sure if anything goes wrong, there is an answer. This includes making sure a suitable hospital is within a suitable distance, and that we have the right transport to get there if required. It will look at what risks there are of tropical diseases, and what vaccines or malaria pills are needed. It will look at what medical kit or drugs should be taken with or left behind, along with when and how we may get resupplied. If the MO thinks something is too risky, then he can advise the commanding officer of this. Of course it's up to the CO himself to make the final call.

Then the doctor may well get to go to these deployments or exercises as well, acting as the medical officer on the ground. During the 3 years I spent as a GDMO, GDMO's I knew went to places such as Sierra Leone to help with the Ebola outbreak, and to Nepal to help with the earthquake. They acted as medical officers on ski trips to France and Canoe trips to the Amazon. Medical Officers went out and supported climbing expeditions up the Andes and providing healthcare to local communities in Kenya. All these experiences continue as a GP, and the medical officer of a regiment can be farmed out to any expedition or deployment around the globe, to help provide on hand medical support for both serving soldiers and the local communities. Currently GDMO's are out in the Caribbean providing disaster relief, as well as in South Sudan training the local medics.

Overall the life of a military GP is one that allows you to have a positive impact on the health of an individual soldier, on their families, as well as becoming 'the doc' for the a specific Regiment, and becoming part of that Regiments history. A military GP can provide healthcare and disaster relief to local communities across the globe, they can help advise commanders on the health of their soldiers, and a GP can help ensure that the soldiers and their families have access to all the healthcare they need wherever they happen to be deployed.

**Major L S Baum OB**

## RAF Flying

Last academic year, eight of the RAF recruits went flying for the first time to RAF Wittering. After roughly an hour and half of singing 2017's greatest hits, much to Dr Hunn's displeasure, we arrived at RAF Wittering with everyone letting out an audible 'Ahhh' at the site of Wittering's Gate Guardian, a British Aerospace Harrier.

We were escorted to the training room, all eager to jump into the seat of the Tutor planes, but first we had to simulate falling out of an aircraft. After learning the basics of parachuting in an emergency, we all passed our emergency tests and we were ready to fly. A brief kitting-up session later and I was out of the hanger to fly, accompanied by my pilot. I was lucky enough to fly a plane that had been painted to resemble a shark!

We got into the tiny cock-pit of the two seater plane. All systems checked, we slowly made our way down

the runway. With a slight tremor, the pilot lifted the plane to the skies and flying above the clouds, we had a bird's eye view of the whole area below – it was breath-taking! After a few demonstrations of the plane's controls, I was ready to have a go at flying myself. With full control of the plane, I was allowed to perform a few manoeuvres and I ended up flying through a hole in the clouds back to Wittering.

After that amazing trip to the sky, we thanked our instructors and started the journey back home, now with an experience of a lifetime within our possession. I think I'm lucky to say that I have flown a plane before driving a car but I could not have guessed how amazing the experience would have been!

**Cdt M. Choudhary**



# From the Archive...



*RAF Camp at RAF Cranwell 1950*



*RAF Camp at RAF Cranwell 1950*



*Army Section Field Day c. 1950*



*Bancroft's CCF Contingent Photo c. 1965*



*Bancroft's CCF Contingent Photo c. 1965*



*Remembrance Sunday c. 1948*



## RAF Camp

Last summer, eight RAF recruits and one lonely U6th went to Inskip Cadet Centre near Blackpool. We can all agree that it was an amazing week, jam packed with great activities and loads of laughs. On our first day we went kayaking or canoeing, did low ropes and team building activities which allowed us to get to know the cadets from the other schools. After this all of our arms really hurt, but that was nothing compared to the next day. We did some navigating in the forest, which resulted in two cadets getting lost for about two hours, and go-ape. Despite my fear of heights, I absolutely loved this activity, and there was a huge zip wire over the beach, giving us some amazing views as we went down it. On our third day, we started the morning in a very military way; we practised observation, shooting and ambushes. But in the afternoon it was back to the fun part: we went to a water park! This, for many, was the highlight of the trip and made loads of our friends back home super jealous. On the fourth day we went to an RAF base, where we learnt what serving in the RAF is really like





(sadly, officers do not get to go to water parks every week) and learnt loads of awesome facts.

On the next day everybody went to the Imperial War museum and the Industry of Manchester museum, it was interesting and everybody had a good day. That night, we had a drill competition; I was in Flight B, and at the beginning, we were definitely the best. This caused us to waste all of our practice time on a victory dance, which included sunglasses (or in my case, goggles) and backwards hats. Then finally, we had a trip to Blackpool pleasure beach. For all of you that don't know, this is a theme park that is home to the tallest rollercoaster in Europe.

Although the journey home wasn't supposed to be fun, the last day was my birthday so I had loads of doughnuts and I was brought closer with all of my RAF buddies. Overall, this was a great trip, and one that all of us will remember for a very long time to come

***Cdt O. Page***





# Army Camp

This year army camp was exciting and enjoyable as always, and we all learnt a lot throughout the week. People overcame the fear of the obstacle course and the dreaded 10 foot wall. Throughout this army camp there was a sense of continuous teamwork where everyone tried to help others have a good time. Camp was a little shorter this year but this didn't take away from the whole experience; it was full of activities from a medical stand to blind orienteering. The recruits went off to do their annual sniper stalk which is a great experience and every year makes the older years jealous. The rest of the cadets went on a two day exercise which included multiple section attacks



which gets everyone involved and is a highlight for all. We reached our harbour after a long day and then went back out on recce patrols to find a suitable place to attack from for the next day. The next day all the





years joined together for the final attack. The final day was the annual Dan Clack section competition which was fiercely fought for with a wide range of activities, won this year by the section by Sgt Ben Harris. We then had everyone’s favourite activities cleaning the rifles which took us over 3 hours to do!

Overall army camp was as enjoyable as ever and brought people together and encouraged teamwork which everyone enjoyed and many people will be coming back next year for more.

*L Cpl T. Meyers*

# From the RSM

This was both an eventful but also successful year for the Bancroft’s contingent. We started the year with a large intake of recruits from the L4th showing a great interest in the CCF. After their kit had been issued, boots polished and berets moulded, training was able to begin. They were quickly introduced to drill and weapons handling, preparing them for both their first field day and Remembrance Sunday after half term. Remembrance Sunday was a success with the contingent being complimented on their turnout and the recruits performing the new drill they had learnt well. As always it was an honour to have such a respectful environment to remember those who have given their lives across a number of conflicts.

Halfway through the year during the Easter holidays Adventurous Training took place in the Lake District.





This gave cadets the chance, in a civilian environment, to take part in a series of outdoor activities such as canoeing, rock climbing, caving and cycling. The second part of the week included a three day expedition centred around Great Langdale Campsite. Adventurous Training is a great week as it gives cadets a chance to have a go at activities in an environment they may have not previously experienced.

This year was also important for the contingent as we experienced our Biennial Review. This year we were lucky enough to have Group Captain Tait from RAF Honington as our inspecting officer. The day followed the structure of an inter-section competition with eight Sections led by L6th NCOs competing for the Biennial Trophy. Mixed sections of Army and RAF cadets had to face stands such as first aid scenarios, military knowledge and command tasks, all run by U6th NCOs. These stands tested their leadership, teamwork and communication. As the contingent returned to school for the afternoon's proceedings, we were greeted by the sight of a RN Merlin helicopter on the field! Both cadets and students had the chance to go inside the Merlin and receive a talk from the crew attached to it which was a new experience for many and set a good tone for the afternoon. After the Merlin had departed the contingent formed up on the Quad including a Guard of Honour drill group commanded by CSM Josh Sekhon. After the Guard had received Group Captain Tait, the contingent carried out a series of drill including an eyes right salute to the Commanding Officer. Cadets then moved into the Great Hall for speeches, awards and presentations which was a fitting end to the day.

This summer the Bancroft's Army Section headed down to SMP in Folkestone for our annual camp once again. Although this year involved a shorter week for the cadets they would be experiencing just as much and had a busy week ahead of them. After an initial day of refresher infantry skills such as pairs fire manoeuvres and section attacks, cadets headed straight into the week's main blank firing exercise. Across two days all cadets were able to put into practice their camp craft, patrolling, section attack and ambush skills in blank firing scenarios. We were even lucky enough to receive support and guidance from a regular gunner unit from the Royal Anglian Regiment, who created a lot of excitement when they brought a GPMG (general purpose machine gun) along with them! The week was concluded with the Dan Clack intersection competition which saw cadets tested on all the skills they had learnt throughout the year. Although there was fierce competition, Ben Harris, who is now assuming the position of CSM, and his section came out victorious.

It is hard to summarise my five years of experience in the CCF at Bancroft's due to the fact that I have experienced and done so much. Although I can say with certainty that joining the CCF and getting involved as much as I could is one of the best decisions I have ever made. Being a part of the CCF has allowed me to have numerous visits to the Lake District, Normandy, different parts of the UK and even a trip to Arnhem. It has led to me developing interests and hobbies that I may not have done otherwise, such as hiking and climbing, which I will hopefully continue to enjoy at university. However the benefits of being a part of the contingent for me extended further than just Tuesday to Tuesday training sessions. I joined the CCF as a recruit with very little confidence and someone who was often criticised for being too quiet. However 5 years down the line parts of CCF such as leadership tasks, the BITS course and intersection competitions have led to a huge improvement in both my self-confidence and my ability to think and act with logic and reason, and for this I am extremely grateful.

The success of the contingent at Bancroft's would not be the same without the commitment of those involved. Firstly I would like to say a massive thank you to those members of staff who give up their time to be a part of the CCF at Bancroft's. Major Hitching, Captain Coyne and our SSI W02 Pascal along with many other members of staff put in a huge amount of work to make the CCF an extremely enjoyable and worthwhile activity for students, and it would not be the same without them. I would also like to thank all the NCOs in the CCF for everything they do week to week in terms of teaching and organisation, which makes the job of the RSM much easier. I also owe CSM Sekhon a thank you in particular as for the last year he has shared my passion and dedication to CCF and has helped to make it a smooth year for the contingent. Finally I would like to wish RSM Ciaran Simpkins and CSM Ben Harris good luck next year for leading the Contingent. After both having spent six weeks in Canada on cadet exchanges and having already spent a year leading from the front I'm confident they will do a brilliant job as SNCOs.

**RSM T. Walton**



# Combined Cadet Force

## Contingent Strength

<b>Army Section</b>	174
<b>RAF Section</b>	41

## Contingent Officers

<b>Contingent Commander</b>	Major R M Hitching
<b>SSI</b>	WOII D Pascal

## Army Section Officers

<b>OC Army Section</b>	Capt L J Coyne
	Lt Col J G Bromfield MBE
	Capt J C Pollard
	Lt N E Lee
	Lt R C Faiers
	Lt F M Graham
	Lt S C Hampson
	Mr M I Salam
	Mr J Barnard

## RAF Section Officers

<b>OC RAF Section</b>	Flt Lt S Hunn
	Pilot Officer H E Stewart
	Miss S L Brand

## Residential Camps

**Adventurous Training** April, Coniston, Lake District.

**Army Camp** July, Napier Barracks, Kent.

**RAF Camp** July, RAF Cadet Centre, Inskip.

## RAF Section Awards & Competitions

### RAF Cadets Proficiency Certificate – Part 1

Cdts Adam, Chowdhury, Dayal, Dhaliwal, French, Godbole, Gordon-Harris, Hancock, Kalidindi, Kumar, Page, Parmar, Shah.

### RAF Cadets Proficiency Certificate – Part 2

L/Cpl Lockley, Cdts Balchin, Krishna Kumar, Luis, Parekh and Swarnaprabha

### Air Squadron Trophy Team:

Sgts Kapur and Sharp; Cpls Ruaux, Soor and Vora; L/Cpls Chowdhury, Dean and Lockley; Cdts Balchin, Krishna Kumar, Luis, Parekh and Swarnaprabha

## Army Section Awards & Courses

### Army Proficiency Certificates

Adam Agbamu, Ranveer Gill, Abu Khan, Mustafa Lodhi, Harvey Martin, Andrew McGregor, Madhav Narayanan, Alex O'Brien, Angela Okafor, Ozairr Rana, Lewis Shine, Nikita Shah, Anusha Talukder, Tom Taylor, Ali Ullah, Millie Woods, Ibrahim Younis & Emre Yildirim.

### Basic Instruction Techniques Course in the Army Section & Advanced Army Proficiency Certificates

Jake Botha, Amar Singh Chima, Killian Flynn, Zachary Foster, Ekam Singh Gill, Thomas Gillan, Thomas Liu, Daniel Lockley, Thomas Meyers, Anissa Patel, Martin Prusa, Shreya Rishi & Oscar Saharoy.

### National Cadet Leadership Course

CSgt Archie Woods  
Cpl Tom Meyers

## Biennial Review Awards & Promotions, Tuesday 28th March 2017

### The Winner of the Biennial Tournament 2017

2 Section, led by Cpl Ciara Clarke

### L6th Promotions to Sergeant in the Army Section

Cpls Ben Harris, Laeticia Junanto, Ciaran Simpkins and Archie Woods

### Sixth Form Army Scholarships

CSgt Nayeb Joseph & CSM Josh Sekhon

### Baker Cup for the best cadet in the RAF Section:

Sgt Rob Sharp

### Gray Cup for the best cadet in the Army Section

Sgts Ciaran Simpkins & Ben Harris

### Greater London Deputy Lieutenant's Certificate

Sgts Ciaran Simpkins & Ben Harris

### Greenwood Cup for leadership

RSM Tom Walton

### Bromfield Cup for the Senior NCO in the Contingent

RSM Tom Walton

## An extract from the Biennial Review Report by Reviewing Officer, Gp Capt D C TAIT, Station Commander RAF Honington

"I enjoyed an excellent visit to Bancroft School CCF on 28 March. I was well-hosted throughout the inspection and was very impressed with the quality of cadets and staff.

On arrival, I was greeted in a professional manner by a cohort of senior cadets and was then offered an opportunity to meet with Unit staff, School staff and Governors. I was struck from the outset, that the School's Headmaster (Mr Marshall) and the Board of Governors are highly supportive of this vibrant CCF Unit and hold it in high esteem.



I was then given an opportunity to visit some training in Epping Forrest. Serials included first-aid, field craft and action-based leadership. All of the training was well-organised, set against clear objectives and conducted in a safe manner.

On return from the Training Area, the Unit conducted a first-class parade. The Guard of Honour was as good as any I have seen from a full-time RAF Unit, so extremely well done! The day finished with a presentation ceremony and a first-class dining-in night (both of which were well supported by the School).

In sum, this is clearly a vibrant CCF Unit that has a wide-range of development activities on offer for the Cadets. It is well-led by Major Hitching and the Unit enjoys the full support of Bancroft's School, the Headmaster and the Board of Governors. The Unit should be commended for a first-class biennial review."

### Army Camp 2017 Awards

#### Best Recruits at Army Camp 2017

Cdts Eleanor Channer, Holly Cohen, Anna-Francesca Hammond, Benedict Hughes, Nikhil Sharma & Dami Ogundiya

#### Thurston Prize for the best performance at Army Camp 2017

CSgt Archie Woods

#### Lt Daniel Clack Trophy 2017

Presented to the winners of the Army Camp Inter-Section Competition – 6 Section led by CSM Ben Harris.

### Army Camp 2017 Promotions

#### Army Section

##### To Lance Corporal

**5th / L6th:** Shiv Dodia, Killian Flynn, Jeremy Jebanesan, Thomas Liu, Daniel Lockley, Shreya Rishi, Riya Shah, Deven Solanki & Zach Tiller

**U4th:** Adam Agbamu, Harvey Martin, Andrew McGregor, Madhav Narayanan, Alex O'Brien, Millie Woods & Emre Yildirim

##### To Corporal

**L6th:** Aziz Khambati

**5th:** Imdad Kadir, Thomas Meyers, Martin Prusa, Oscar Saharoy,

##### To Sergeant

Cpls Josh Beardwell, Susannah Bramwell, Daniel Buckley & Ciara Clarke

##### To C/Sergeant

Sgts Laetitia Junanto, Charlotte Rogers & Archie Woods.

##### To Company Sergeant Major, Head of Army Section

Cpl Ben Harris

### November 2017 Promotions

##### To Lance Corporal

**L6th:** Amar Chima, Ekam Gill, Jai Kudhail, Thomas Liu & Shreya Rishi

##### To Corporal

**U6th:** Vathana Gopinath & Fran Neagle-Haley

**L6th:** Daniel Lockley & Anissa Patel

### RAF Section Promotions

##### Head of RAF Section

Cpls Tom Dean & Isobel Lockley

##### To L/Cpl

Juliette Balchin, Soumya Krishna Kumar, Simone Luis, Nishka Parekh, Theva Swarnaprabha

### Contingent Promotions

##### To RSM, Head of Contingent

Sgt Ciaran Simpkins