

THE COMBINED CADET FORCE

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The broad function of the CCF is to provide a structured organisation in school so that boys may develop powers of leadership and the qualities of responsibility, self-reliance, resourcefulness, endurance and perseverance. It also introduces cadets to some fun and different activities that potentially can't easily be experienced elsewhere.

The CCF at the RGS aims specifically at providing an opportunity for boys to develop and exercise key life skills such as teamwork, initiative and leadership. The ultimate goal for a cadet is, therefore, to gain promotion to cadet NCO rank, and to be responsible for the instruction of junior cadets. For this reason it is expected that potential NCOs will remain with the contingent beyond the statutory minimum period of one year.

The CCF has Royal Navy, Army and Royal Air Force sections. Specific details of each section's activities can be found later in the document and boys opt to join specific sections of the CCF. All member of the CCF parade as one Contingent each week and the majority of the training opportunities are open to cadets from all 3 services (although priority systems do exist.) The Contingent's own adventurous training programme is open to all cadets.

In addition to some weekend training exercises, some camps are held in the holidays. All camps are subsidised by military grants.

In addition, it is possible for cadets to gain a number of training qualifications at minimal cost, such as climbing, sailing and gliding by making use of the many service courses available.

Military summer camps are optional and offered by all 3 services, usually include a blend of military, general and adventurous training activities and are likely to include: live range-firing, practical fieldcraft including a 24-hour military scenario-based blank firing exercise, first aid including a practical response exercises, assault courses, archery, laser tag rifle and watermanship. Photos and a video from our recent central camp can be seen [here](#).

Training is held every Monday from 3.20 pm to 4.45 pm and, in addition, five full Field Days a year provide the opportunity for a wide range of out-of-school exercises using facilities from all three services.

Uniform is provided free of charge by the Ministry of Defence, whose property it remains, but parents are asked to purchase a regulation pair of high-top boots and tie-ups for £40.00. We order the boots for your son and place the cost on the bill. Charges for attendance at camps and weekend exercises are kept low by the provision of a "MoD Training Grant". There will be a yearly charge (£135) to cover the Field Day training programme.

Pupils who wish to take part in target rifle shooting in the 4th Form and above need to be a member of one of the CCF options.

Vacancies: RN – 24, Army – 48, RAF – 24

CCF RN Section

Summary

The RN section of the CCF focuses on nautical and water-based training activities. We follow the CCF RN HQ national training programmes but augment them with our own training. Our aim is to achieve a balance of military and civilian training: to educate about the role, organisation and activities of the Royal Navy but also to gain practical knowledge and qualifications with lifelong appeal.

Period 8 sessions tend to focus on theoretical knowledge with school-based practical sessions whenever possible such as radios, pioneering, shooting and field gun drills. Field days tend to be water based at a multitude of coastal centres both military and civilian. RN Cadets in their first year would achieve their RYA Powerboat Level 1 and gain some dinghy sailing, kayaking, rowing and yachting experience; In the second year cadets gain more leadership, yachting and large powerboat experience. Cadets who stay for the third year become NCOs and take an active role in the running of the section while completing further practical and shore-based training, including navigation. There are, however, many other opportunities for training activities and qualifications via the extensive CCF RN HQ camps and courses programme.

FD programme

- RYA Powerboat Level 1
- Canoeing/raft-building
- Kayaking or rowing
- Dinghy Sailing
- Yachting/Fast motor launches on the Solent

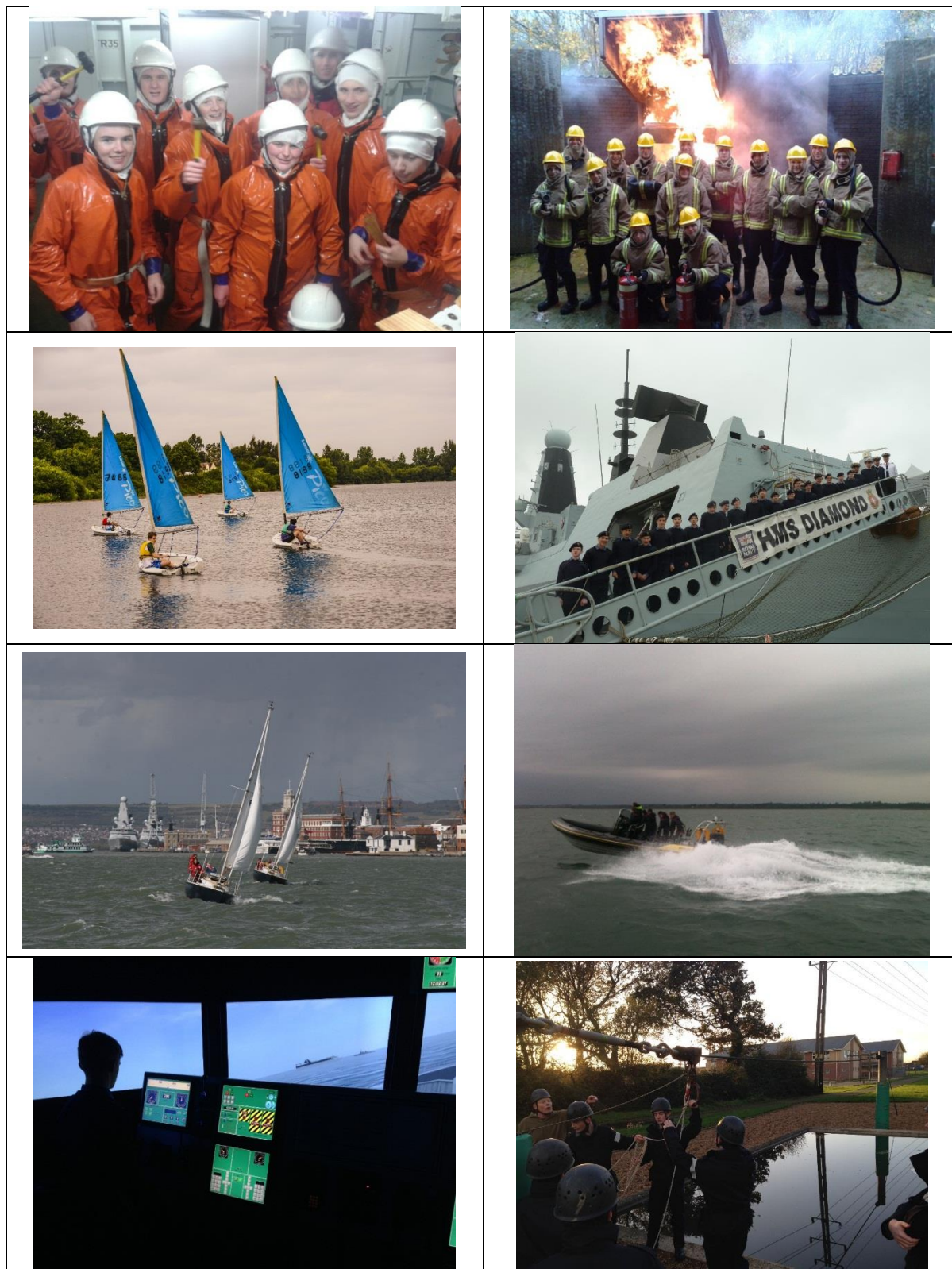
Other opportunities (camps, expeditions, courses)

RN cadets also have access to all other RGS CCF training opportunities such as shooting and adventurous training trips. However, there are many other opportunities via the CCF RN HQ camps and courses programmes which run every year; These are open to all cadets and offer possibilities such as dinghy sailing, yachting, powerboating, canoeing, open water diving, first aid, leadership training and summer camps to name a few. Many courses result in RYA qualifications and the cost for all courses is extremely low with cadets only being charged for 'messing' (currently £2.35 per day!)

Projected annual cost plus any other charges

£135 per year plus £40 for boots.





A brief synopsis of what the 5th and 6th Form offer within the group

Cadets who stay with the section continue with an extensive training programme and in their second year gain more yachting and large powerboat experience. NCOs are expected to have attended a CCF RN leadership course and usually have taken up several of the camp and courses opportunities. They are expected to set high standard in terms of their appearance, organisation and knowledge, and to willingly support the officers in the running of the section.

CCF Army Section

Summary

The CCF Army section gives you the opportunity to develop many useful skills in a variety of exciting activities in a range of locations, all while having a great time.

It would be easy to list traits such as problem solving, initiative, creativity, discipline, teamwork and leadership and, of course, you will experience all of these, but always alongside and through any number of practical skills and unique challenges. One week you could be dangling from a rope on an assault course, the next clutching a rifle while crouching beside your mates, waiting to spring a night ambush on unsuspecting enemy forces.

The section works closely with our sponsor unit, the Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment, and infantry training forms our core syllabus. This means that as well as the obvious uniform and drill, cadets learn practical fieldcraft skills including signals, camouflage, movement and patrolling, weapon handling and combat tactics. Full training on the Cadet General Purpose Rifle is provided and cadets take part in battlefield training exercises, firing blank ammunition and pyrotechnics. Working as a part of a team is key, with junior cadets operating under the leadership and guidance of more experienced Sixth Form NCOs who have developed their own skills through camps and courses run by the Army training team. Live firing is also taught and practised; many RGS cadets go on to make fine marksmen, representing their country at junior and senior level.

There is never a dull moment and opportunities abound: recent school field days have featured overnight exercises, Close Combat training and live firing on ranges. Other opportunities range from ceremonial roles in county Remembrance Day parades to week-long central camps around the country and summer international exchanges with the Canadian Army Cadet Force.

The CCF Army section offers a coherent training programme with a number of unique activities and is designed to be challenging but fun.

Photos and a video from our recent central camp can be seen [here](#).

The Monday P8 programme includes training with the cadet rifle, shooting, leadership and team tasks, an introduction to Army tactics, army rations and BASHAs, pioneering and radio communication.

FD programme

- Introduction to Military Skills
- Skills at Arms on the cadet rifle
- Blank Firing exercise – Fieldcraft – Patrolling, reaction to enemy fire, section battle drills
- 24 hour overnight exercise. Improvised shelters, development of FD3 exercise – sniper stalks, ambushes, platoon attacks.
- Military Skills Day – Live firing on barrack range, laser tag rifle fieldcraft, Dismounted Close Combat Trainer, Army assault course.

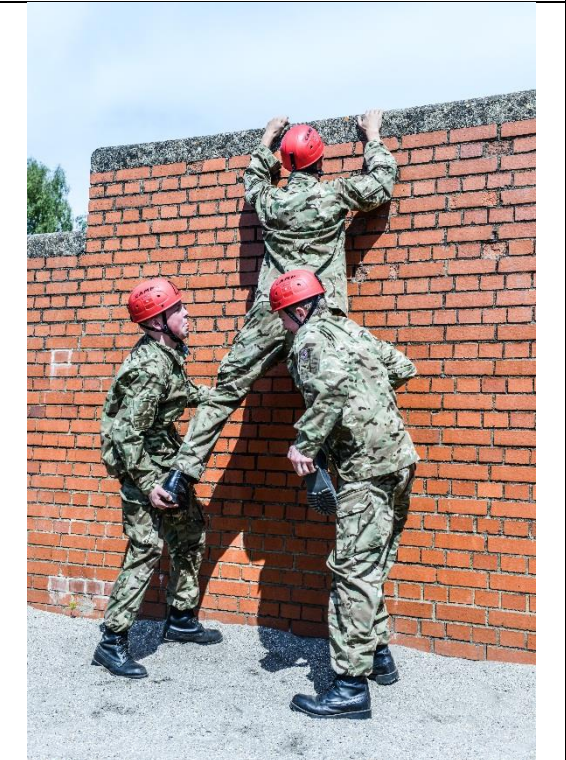
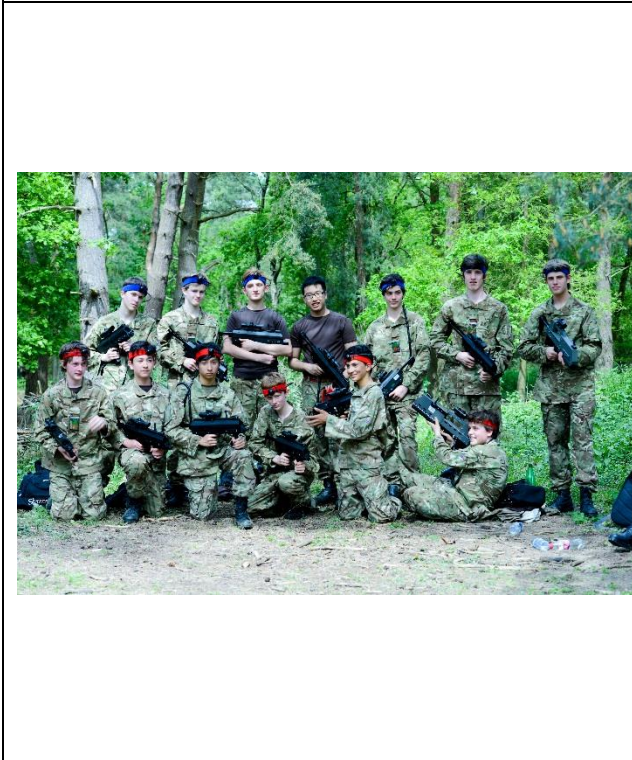
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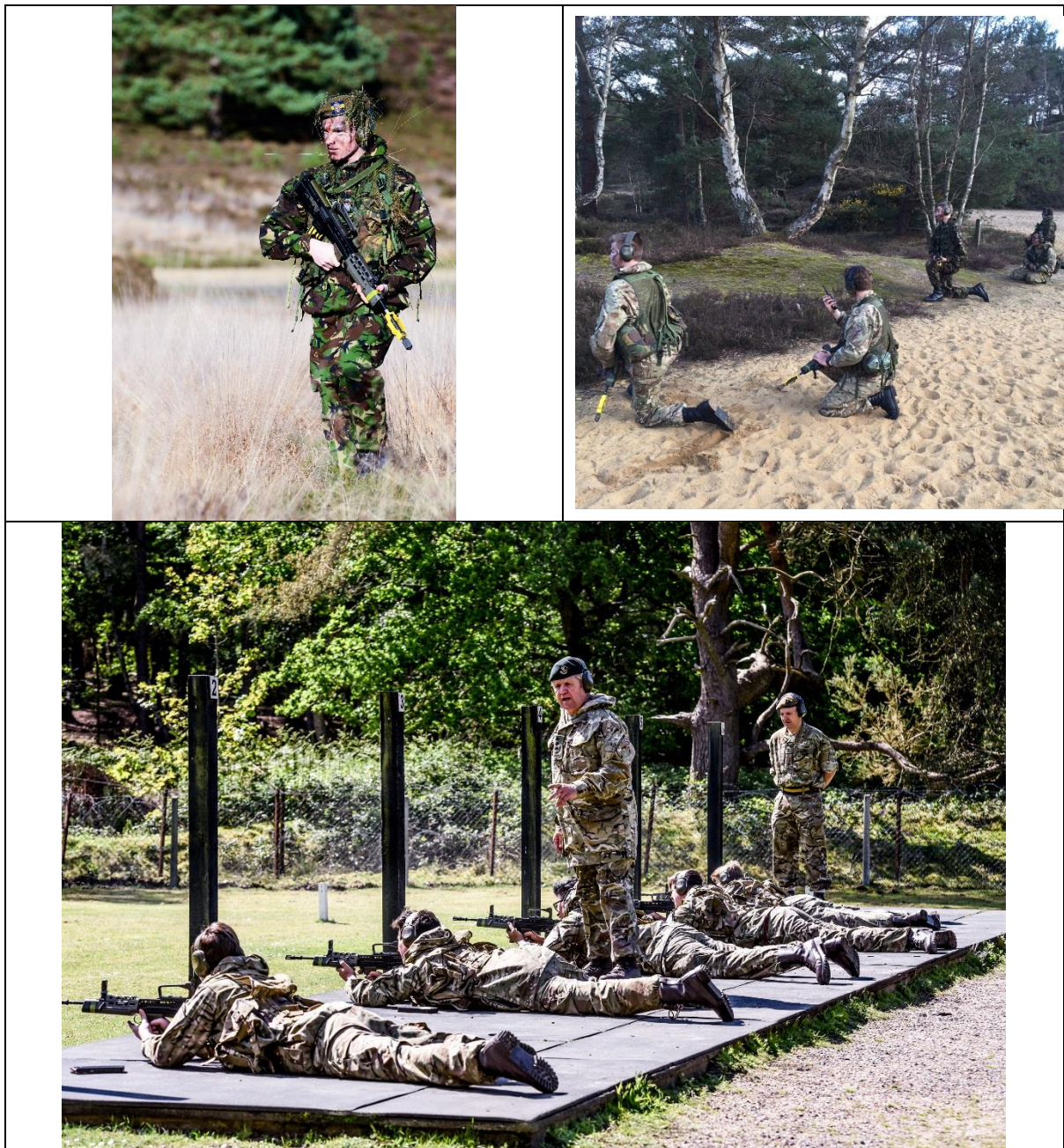
Army cadets also have access to all other RGS CCF training opportunities such as shooting as well as the CCF RN central courses detailed earlier.

From the 5th Form, Army cadets can also attend Leadership Courses and adventurous training courses run by the Cadet Adventurous Training Centre.

Projected annual cost plus any other charges

£135 per year plus £40 for boots.





A brief synopsis of what the 5th and 6th Form offer within the group

In the older year groups, the boys complete a military method of instruction course and develop their leadership skills in preparation for taking charge of the platoons in the 6th Form and teaching the junior cadets. An increased number of centrally-run camp and courses become available to them.

CCF RAF SECTION

Summary

The RAF Section offers cadets the opportunity to learn about and experience at first hand aviation in general and the RAF in particular. Cadets will learn about the history and structure of the RAF, current and past aircraft within the RAF and their role within the military. Cadets study principles of flight and gain a basic understanding of the mechanics of flying and how an aircraft is controlled. Flight simulators in the classroom are used to aid the process of learning. Meteorology and navigation and their importance in aviation are studied. Leadership is also a key part of the RAF and cadets are taught leadership using practical leadership tasks both in and out of the classroom. Shooting, using the indoor range, and climbing on the RGS climbing wall are on the syllabus. There are opportunities for both powered flying, using the Grob Tutor at RAF Benson, and gliding at civilian gliding clubs and through the RAF. It is hoped that all RAF cadets each year will get the opportunity to experience the thrill of flying or gliding, however that is very much weather dependent.

FD programme

- Paintballing and high ropes day
- Indoor sky diving
- Visit to Farnborough Airport or RAF Museum
- Station visit to RAF base – Odiham, Benson or Northolt
- Overnight camping and navigation at Longmoor Training Area

Other opportunities (camps, expeditions, courses)

- RAF Summer camp: cadets spend a week on an RAF base getting a taste of life in the RAF. Visits to RAF squadrons, flying and gliding opportunities, local area visits.
- RAF camp to Cyprus: a week in the summer or Easter at RAF Akrotiri. Military and civilian activities.
- RAF camp to Germany: a week in the summer or Easter at Nato or RAF base. Military and civilian activities.
- Air Cadet Leadership Course: a week at the RAF HQ at RAF Cranwell teaching and practising leadership skills.
- Gliding Scholarship: a week's gliding course at an RAF base or civilian gliding school, ending with a solo flight, if the cadet reaches the required standard. (5th form and above)
- Flying / Navigation Scholarship (only in L6): 10 hours powered flying, including several hours solo if the required standard is met. Either at RAF base, or at Tayside Aviation in Dundee.
- International Air Cadet Exchange: exchange in the holidays to an overseas air cadet force.

Projected annual cost plus any other charges

£135 per year plus £40 for boots.

Fee of £130 for UK camps, cost of flight for overseas camps is met by the cadet. Nominal fee for messing for other courses.





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- In the 5th form the cadets are taught the advanced RAF syllabus, including air power, method of instruction and how to teach the syllabus to junior cadets. The gliding and flying scholarships are available only to those in the 5th form and above.
- The 6th form NCOs teach the syllabus to the more junior cadets. The senior NCOs organise the other 6th form NCOs to produce a smooth running teaching programme. The 6th formers have a great deal of responsibility and learn the importance of organisation and preparation.

Outdoor Pursuits

Mr KP Tayar

Summary

The aim of the Outdoor Pursuits programme at the RGS is to provide the students with a wide range of different activities that help to develop important life skills, as well providing opportunities to try new things and have fun with their peers. Such life skills will equip your sons with the knowledge and experience needed to have fun, be active, stay safe, be resourceful, and be self-sufficient and reliant in a wide variety of situations, not to mention furthering teamwork and communications skills.

Outdoor Pursuits is a non-uniformed activity and does not offer an award system on any of the activities undertaken. However, by giving the students a 'taster', this will hopefully give them the confidence and incentive to pursue areas/activities further.

Weekly programme

The programme of activities is operated on a carousel system with boys changing activity each half term. A sample programme is shown below.

	Fourth Form	Fifth Form
Michaelmas 1st	Bushcraft skills	Ultimate Frisbee
Michaelmas 2nd	Ball Sports	Construction
Lent 1st	Team Building Tasks	Street Dance
Lent 2nd	Climbing at Surrey Sports Park	Cooking
Trinity	Board Diving at Guildford Spectrum	

Field Day programme

Field Days are organised so the boys get the chance to practise the skills they have learned and have fun doing so.

Fourth Form

- Go-karting
- Paintballing
- Outdoor survival and shelter building
- Stand-up paddle boarding, kayaking and raft building
- Wakeboarding at Thorpe Lake

Fifth Form

- The Nuts Challenge – muddy obstacle course
- Archery Tag and Wildwood Adventure
- Mountain biking



Outdoor Pursuits does not arrange expedition and camps.

Projected annual cost plus any other charges:
£220 per year

Vacancies – 75 boys