



# COMBINED CADET FORCE (CCF) BIENNIAL INSPECTION DAY

Friday 15th March 2024

Inspecting Officer
Air Vice-Marshal Shaun Harris CBE



# WELCOME FROM THE CONTINGENT COMMANDER



Welcome to Bury Grammar School's CCF Inspection Day for 2024. We are honoured this year to have as our Inspecting Officer: Air Vice Marshal Shaun Harris CBE, who in September of 2023 became Director Support, and Chief Engineer of the RAF.

The contingent at Bury Grammar School currently has two hundred and fifty officers and cadets. We are one of the largest and oldest CCF Contingents in the country.

Today we have the RAF Section and members of our Year 10 Army Section on Parade and our Senior Cadets have organised several activity stands for you, which are a demonstration of the skills of our cadets and Non-Commissioned Officers (NCOs). Please feel free to join in with activities and chat to our cadets and NCOs as you visit.

This has been a busy year for the CCF at School, cadets have taken part in camps at Altcar Ranges, Inskip Activity Centre, National Air and Space Camp and even helping at the Royal International Air Tattoo. Cadets have relished in further opportunities such as flying at RAF Woodvale, First Aid qualifications and attending a Northwest area Cadet Skill at Arms Competition in which we won the 'Advance to Contact' shooting competition. Our Senior Cadets have attended various advance courses such as the Senior Instructor Course, Gold Leadership at RAF Cranwell and various Cyber courses.

The most Senior cadet in the RAF Section also became the Sir John Thompson Memorial Sword winner for 2023 to 2024, after beating hundreds of cadets to the title of 'best CCF RAF Section cadet'.

Our cadets are determined in everything they do and have fun learning new skills with enthusiasm.

The cadet experience could not happen without help and support from the Cadet Training Team and the Training Evaluation and Support Team. We are thankful for all they do to support our cadets on a regular basis.

Sqn Ldr Grace Mehta (RAFAC)



## PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

11:30 - Arrival and welcome of the guests

12:00 - Guard of Honour and Inspecting Officer arrival

12:15 - Inspection of Cadets and a March led by the Corps of Drums

13:00 - Buffet lunch

14:00 - Cadet activities

15:20 - Final parade and Inspecting Officer to address the Contingent followed by afternoon tea

16:00 - End

#### **KEY CADETS**

Senior Cadets
Cadet RSM Chloe (Year 13)
Cadet Sgt. Mykola (Year 12)

Guard of Honour
Led by CSM Millie (Year 13)
Corps of Drums led by Cadet DSM Maya (Year 13)



## **AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES**

1st Session - 14:00 to 14:35 2nd Session - 14:40 to 15:15

#### **ROYAL AIRFORCE SECTION**

Activity	Location	NCO I/C
Drone Flying	Dance Studio	Cdt Sgt Sophie
Virtual Reality Flying	LRC	Cdt Sgt Lewis

#### **ARMY SECTION**

Activity	Location	NCO I/C
Paintball Range	Bridge Road Athletics Field	Cdt Sgt Maj Millie
Leadership	Bridge Road Athletics Field	Cdt Sgt Thomas Cpl Adam
Air Rifle Range	Range	Cdt Sgt Maddie
First Aid	Cricket and Athletics Field	Cdt Sgt Samiq Cpl Olivia
Fieldcraft	Woodland Forest School	Cdt Cpl Sammie Cdt Cpl Freya

#### SUCCESS IN OUR CCF



O ROYAL AIR CADETS
AIR FORCE the next generation

The BGS RAF section were officially enrolled in September 2020. The RAF section is available to all pupils who opt to join CCF in Year 9 as part of their enrichment activities.



Cadets from the RAF Section attended the Royal International Air Tattoo. Katie (Class of 2023) escorted Tom Cruise around the show, where they enjoyed a conversation about her flying career.



BGS entered a team of cadets from the CCF's Army and RAF sections into a North West Cadet Skill competition hosted at Altcar Training Camp. Cadets were successful, winning 'best team' trophy!



Cadets participated in an Air Experience Day at RAF Woodvale. Pupils took a flight in a Grob Tutor (an aircraft used for Elementary Flying Training) and were able to control the aircraft!



The CCF RAF Section attended a gliding day. They completed the Gliding Induction Course (GIC) where they learned about aerodynamics and controlling the aircraft.





Cadets used VR headset flight simulators to practise taking off and landing Spitfires and Red Arrows and flying a circuit from airfields around the world.







CCF RAF Cadets attended the CCF RAF Section Camp at Inskip Cadet Centre. Cadets enjoyed a range of outdoor pursuits and developing their teamwork and leadership skills.

#### SUCCESS IN OUR CCF



Sophie (Year 12) successfully passed her Air Cadet Gold Leadership course. The weeklong course, held at RAF Cranwell, enabled her to hone her leadership and teamwork Skills.



The CCF offers pupils the chance to develop real life skills that will help them achieve success in life and offers leadership opportunities that represent an outstanding experience.



Here's Muhammad (Year 10), preparing for take off during the Air Experience Day at RAF Woodvale. Cadets took to the skies to take in the sights of Liverpool and beyond.





Cadets learned the principles of flight and how to control and navigate an aircraft, with some even performing aerobatics. This gave cadets the confidence for future careers and opportunities.



BGS cadets enjoy a range of camps and training courses which build their leadership and teamwork skills and are, as always, excellent ambassadors for Bury Grammar School.



Katie (Class of 2023), attended the Honours and Awards Ceremony in College Hall Officers' Mess and received the Sir John Thompson Memorial Sword for the best CCF Air Cadet in the country.







37 cadets from the Army Section of the CCF completed a week long Summer Camp at Driffield Camp in Yorkshire. They took part in a range of military and adventurous training activities.

