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# 1466 (Holmfirth) Squadron Air Training Corps

## New Cadet Information Booklet

For All New Cadets



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# 1466 (Holmfirth) Squadron ATC

Dear New Recruit

Welcome to the Air Training Corps (ATC). I hope that you find this introductory information pack useful during the first few weeks of your cadet life. The pack includes information on who is who, not just on this Squadron but the structure of the ATC itself. It also tells you about uniform and the things that we do down on the Squadron. At the back there are a few forms that we would like you to fill in, so please have a look at them and return them next time you come down.

We parade at 1900 hours every Monday and Friday, excluding bank holidays. If you are unsure of when to come down or wish to ask a question please either visit the website at [www.1466atc.com](http://www.1466atc.com) or call our Commanding Officer (CO) Flight Lieutenant Neil Tindall on 07747 825306.

In the ATC we aim to encourage awareness of the Royal Air Force, provide valuable training, such as Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme participation, foster an understanding of flying, teach skills useful in service or civilian life and most importantly how to be a team player and a leader.

During your time in the ATC you can be assured of gaining confidence, self-esteem and learning to do well at the things you do best. Reading through this pack will educate you on the huge variety of activities available to you as an air cadet, ranging from 5-a-side football, hill walking, flying an aircraft through to parachuting. Whatever you enjoy, or think you will enjoy, you are assured that you will probably be able to do it with the ATC.

Also remember that consistently good performances, leadership and organisational skill will be rewarded with promotion, and more opportunities, so it pays to work hard!

I hope that you enjoy your time with the ATC, and spread the word to friends and family.

See you again soon

N M Tindall  
Flt. Lt.  
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## The Air Training Corps (ATC)

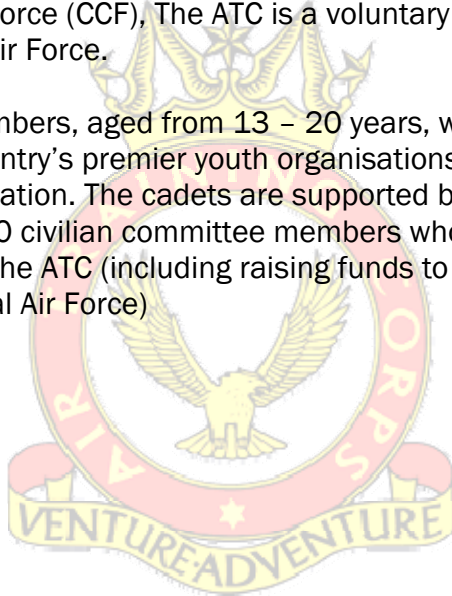
### The Aims of the Air Training Corps

- To promote and encourage among young people a practical interest in aviation and the Royal Air Force.
- To provide training which will be useful in the services and civilian life.
- To foster the spirit of adventure and develop qualities of leadership and good citizenship.

The ATC motto is: **“Venture Adventure”**

The ATC is part of the Air Cadet Organization (ACO) which also includes RAF sections of the Combined Cadet Force (CCF). The ATC is a voluntary youth organization supported by the Royal Air Force.

With almost 37,000 members, aged from 13 – 20 years, within 1,000 squadrons, the ATC is one of the country’s premier youth organisations and the world’s largest youth air training organisation. The cadets are supported by a volunteer adult staff of nearly 10,000 plus 5,000 civilian committee members who have an important role to play as a civilian arm to the ATC (including raising funds to complement the support we receive from the Royal Air Force)



## What We Do

In the ATC there are many opportunities to do a lot of different activities. These range from learning about how aircraft fly to actually flying and enjoying target shooting. Some of the activities may require you to be a certain age, but most are open to you as soon as you become a cadet.

The ATC is the perfect place to do many things that you wouldn't be able to do on a normal day. Where else could you learn to fly aerobatics, visit Royal Air Force stations, tour foreign countries, play sports from local to international level, learn the skills to lead expeditions, become a target shooting marksman, gain your Duke of Edinburgh's Award, canoe through white water, assist your community, join a band, learn aviation subjects, go caving, parachute, climb, sail, ski..? These and much more are readily available to you as a member of the air cadet organization, whether you are a cadet or staff member.

## Drill

The air cadets, as a military youth organisation, sets itself and its members very high standards including dress and behaviour. Drill is a vital part of encouraging team work.

The Air Cadet Organization encourages teamwork and well disciplined cadets among many things.

Drill (marching) is a vital part of encouraging teamwork. When a group of twenty cadets walk on to a drill square they are all individuals, but as soon as a session of drill begins the cadets become a team following the orders given by one person. Instead of twenty individual feet hitting the ground, there is only one bang - this is the result of practice and teamwork.

Drill is also used to move cadets from one place to another in a smart, orderly fashion. This shows civilians and members of the forces just how well disciplined the cadets of the Air Training Corps are.

There are other forms of drill, but we usually just do foot and basic drill at the squadron, but every year at the Remembrance Day parade, we are required to take the Banner, and then the senior cadets need to carry the Banner and learn the correct Banner drill.

## Flying and Gliding

Flying and gliding provides cadets to have the chance to learn about how aircraft work, and more importantly learn how to fly. It is completely free and opportunities are issued to the different squadrons, usually every 2-3 months.

We fly the Grob Tutor 115E at 9 Air Experience Flight at RAF Church Fenton, near York. The flights usually last around 25-30 minutes and it is up to you what you want to do. The Tutor is a very varied aircraft. You can just fly around, or go over to your house, or you can ask the pilot to show you some aerobatics! Remember that you can ask the pilot anything and he will probably have the answer - but make sure you don't interrupt him when he's talking on the radio. You will be fully briefed before you fly, and then you will be fitted with your flying suit, helmet, and parachute. Then you'll be ready to go!

We also have the chance to go gliding - this is similar to flying, as it is still in a powered aircraft, but the aircraft can fly unpowered. We fly the Vigilant powered glider out of 642 Volunteer Gliding School at RAF Linton-On-Ouse. There is an Initial Gliding Course which will be what you do when you first go gliding, and will last three sessions. After that it is up to you what you want to do. There is also a Gliding Scholarship which is available to cadets over the age of 16 and will allow the cadets, if they are capable, to fly the glider solo!

### **Sport**

Here at Holmfirth we take part in pretty much every sport you can think of. Our main sport at 1466 is Football; we have what is widely regarded as the best up and coming 5-a-side team in the Wing and an ever improving 11-a-side team which gets further in the Inter-Squadron Cup each year.

Sports at 1466 are available to everybody with the opportunity to represent the Squadron, Wing, Region or even the ATC team at Corps level.

We take part in many other sports including:

- Athletics
- Basket Ball
- Cross-Country Running
- Hockey
- Netball
- Rugby
- Swimming

Each year there are trials for the Wing, Regional and a Corps team, which means representation on a big level, and you could even be playing internationally! There are also inter-Squadron competitions for many of the sports, and we try to take part in as many as possible.

### **Adventure Training**

In the ATC there are the opportunities to do nearly everything you can think of, including adventure training (which includes rock climbing, canoeing, sailing, mountain biking and much, much more). There are many different chances to do

these activities, weather it with the Squadron or at a training centre like Llanbedr in Wales or Windermere in the Lake District.

## Shooting

At the Squadron we have our own shooting range and we fire target rifles, but there are also many opportunities to shoot in different competitions and with different weapons after being trained, passing a weapons handling test and being “current and complete” on each weapon.

## Rank Structure

### Staff

**Flight Lieutenant N M Tindall** – Squadron Commanding Officer

**Flying Officer S K E Piccavey** – Training Officer

**Mr. A S Jamieson** – Civilian Instructor

**Mr. D J Lawford** – Civilian Instructor

**Mr. H A Hall** – Civilian Instructor

### Cadet Non-Commissioned Officers (NCOs)



Cadet Warrant Officer M D Lewis



Sergeant S B Lewis  
Sergeant T P Buckley  
Sergeant J R H Mellor



Corporal A Booth  
Corporal C A Sutton  
Corporal G Froudarakis

These cadets are here to help you, and they will make themselves known to you early on. Please don't be scared of them. They will help you in any way possible.

## Uniform

We have two main uniforms, known as blues and greens. The next few pages will cover what you need to know about your uniform, and how to wear it. For the first month you probably won't get your uniform, so just come down in casual clothing. If we are planning on doing something outdoors you will be told what to come down in.

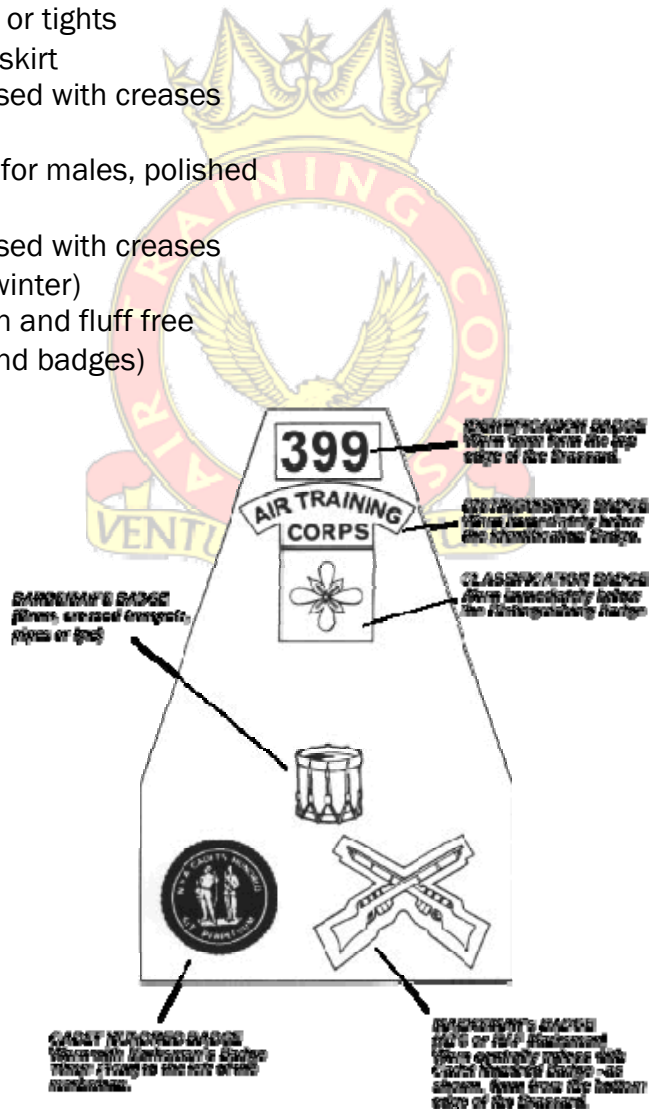
To make sure your clothes aren't damaged. All blue uniform is supplied by the Squadron on loan, and we have a selection of greens, but most cadets prefer to buy their own. Shoes and boots need to be purchased (a map of a good cadet shop is printed at the end of this booklet).

## Blues

There are two types of blue uniform. Working blues are the everyday uniform, which we wear on most parade nights. There is also best blue, which we wear on special parades, like formal inspections and Remembrance Sunday.

Working blue uniform consists of:

- Parade shoes
  - Toe caps buffed and rest of shoe polished for males
  - Shoe buffed and polished for females
- Black socks or tights
- Trousers or skirt
  - Pressed with creases
- Belt
  - Only for males, polished
- Shirt
  - Pressed with creases
- Jumper (in winter)
  - Clean and fluff free
- Brassard (and badges)



You will only have the top two badges to start with!

- Beret
  - Shaped to the right, with an ATC beret badge

Best blue is the same apart from a light blue shirt and black tie in a Windsor knot.

### Greens

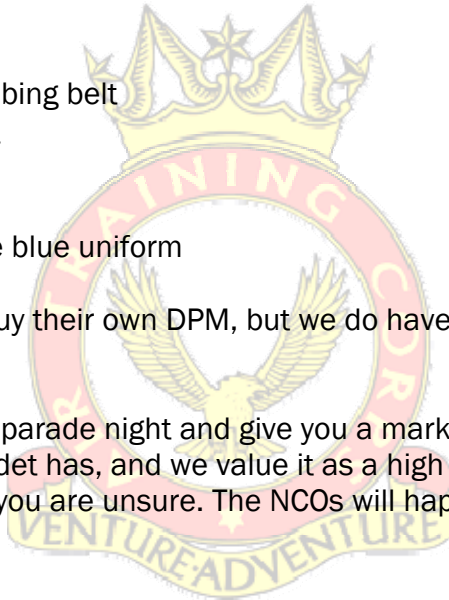
Greens are usually worn more in the summer, for outdoor activities such as adventure training or for shooting work. They are camouflaged, DPM (disruptive pattern material) which make you harder to see when working in the field.

There are many different items that you can wear with DPMs, but the main ones are:

- Boots
  - Clean and lightly polished
- Trousers
  - Pressed
- Belt
  - Green webbing belt
- Shirt/green t-shirt
- Jacket
- Beret
  - As with the blue uniform

Most cadets choose to buy their own DPM, but we do have a small supply at the Squadron if needed.

We inspect uniform on a parade night and give you a mark. The uniform is one of the responsibilities that a cadet has, and we value it as a high priority. Please make sure that you ask someone if you are unsure. The NCOs will happily answer any questions you have about uniform.



### **Useful Information**

Hubberton Trading is a good place to buy any cadet related clothing and adventure training items.

#### **Address:**

Unit 5,  
Dale Street Mills,  
Huddersfield,  
West Yorkshire  
HD3 4TG

Telephone: 01484 644709

ATC Website: [www.aircadets.org](http://www.aircadets.org)

**New Cadet Questionnaire**

We would like you to fill in this short questionnaire so that we get an idea of what you want to do in cadets, and just so that we can get to know you a little bit. Please take some time to fill it in and return it to one of the NCOs next time you come down.

Name (First and Last): \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

What hobbies and interests do you have?

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Are you or have you taken D of E? \_\_\_\_\_

If so which level? \_\_\_\_\_

What made you want to join the ATC?

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Where did you hear about our squadron?

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Are any of your friends or family in the ATC? (if so please give details)

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What are you most looking forward to as a cadet?

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Thank you for your time



**1466 (Holmfirth) Squadron Air Training Corps**

Dear Parent/Guardian

As you may already know we now have a website, [www.1466atc.com](http://www.1466atc.com). The site will give you all the information about the Squadron and the ATC as an organisation. There is also a cadet forum which can be used by the cadets and staff to talk about things to do with the ATC and also has a photo gallery which allows the cadets to share pictures of their experiences in the ATC. We have a calendar of events which is updated regularly with all the new events and also gives information about their times and places.

As the site is for the Squadron we would like to place a few pictures of the Squadron and the cadets at the squadron, but we need your permission to put these on the site as some of the cadets are under the age of eighteen.

We would also like to produce a Squadron video/presentation so that we can try and recruit new cadets, which we would also like to include pictures on that too.

Please fill in the form below and give it to your son/daughter to hand in to Cadet Sgt. Mellor, it will then be retained by the Squadron.

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Name of Cadet: \_\_\_\_\_

I do/do not give permission for the cadet named above to have his/her picture taken and the possibility of it being put onto the Squadron website and in a recruitment video/presentation.

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_