

YEAR 10 LEADERSHIP WEEKEND

Dates: Friday 14th. July – Sunday 16th. July 2023

Venue: Mereworth Woods Training Area, Kent

Contact Tel. No: 07501 940642 (Mr. Marshall, from Friday afternoon)

Departure Time: Cadets now need to make their own way to Mereworth Woods, aiming to arrive there for 6.30pm or as soon after that time as possible. The postcode for the Training Area is TN15 8QY and the entrance is a right-turn off Seven Mile Lane. A more accurate location can be found using “what3words” – in this instance, the location is “misty.tried.spicy”

Estimated Time of Collection: 1000hrs from Mereworth Woods, Sunday July 16th.

Cadets should travel down in MTP combats.

Kit

MTP Combats will be worn throughout the weekend. *Please ensure that you have adequate clothes for warmth underneath the combats, especially at night, including a fleece or hoodie – the whole weekend is in the field.*

[Waterproofs will be taken by officers and issued when needed]

Boots should be worn for training; a change of footwear for travelling is advisable.

Sleeping Bag (for use outside, under a basher)

Basic Wash Kit

Wet wipes

Bungees

Notebook and Pen

Torch

Roll mat (if you have one – we will bring some CCF roll mats as well)

There are no formal washing facilities on the area, but there is a basic toilet block, portaloos and a stand-pipe for water

Rations

Cadets will be provided with army ration packs sufficient for the weekend – cadets may bring supplementary snacks or food if they wish, but must remember that they are responsible for their own storage and looking after litter.

There are no opportunities for spending, so no pocket money is required.

Preparation

Each cadet must prepare a 2-3 minute talk on a controversial subject. You will be presenting an argument, and taking questions after the talk. The argument should be evidence-based and rationally presented. The talks list provides a sample of possible issues, but current affairs should be considered as good options outside of those.

This is intended to be a challenging but enjoyable weekend. Cadets should be clear as to their ability to undertake a fair level of physical exercise throughout the weekend, since there is no opportunity to opt out of any of the activities. The weekend is not, however, an endurance weekend; commitment and a cheerful demeanour are the most valued characteristics you can have.