



The Gilbert School

Part of the Alpha Trust



MBL/sun
June 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: CCF – Summer Camp 2026

The CCF Summer Camp 2026 is quickly approaching. Please see below key information including dates, times and final updated information.

An updated kit list outlining everything cadets are required to bring is also included.

Thursday 25th June

- 8:15 - Students to bring sleeping bag only.
- 15:20 - 17:00 - Staff will then check and issue all army kit that students will need.

Sunday 28th June

- 11:00 - Students to arrive in full CCF uniform, with all additional kit packed in a large bag. A separate smaller bag should be brought for the coach journey, containing water and lunch.
- Medication to be given to staff and final preparations before departure will happen.
- Students will depart from school by coach to Beckingham Training Area, Lincoln.

Friday 3rd July

- 19:30 - Students to be collected promptly from the Gilbert School car park.
- Students may bring mobile phones, which can be used during the coach journeys to and from camp. Phones are not permitted during the camp itself and will be collected by staff and stored securely until the return journey. If there are any changes to the estimated time of arrival on return, students will be able to contact parents/carers.

Please ensure that any medication is clearly labelled with your child's name and instructions. **Whilst we endeavour to remind students to take their medication, it remains the responsibility of the student to remember to approach a member of staff when they require their medication.**

Please ensure that any required travel sickness medication is taken prior to arrival. Sufficient medication for the return journey should also be provided and must be handed to staff on arrival.

Please ensure that your child brings a packed lunch for the departure day.

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Cadets are required to be back in school on Monday 6th July and should not take any additional time off. This ensures we can continue to run the trip each year and that it does not interfere with students' education. Please insist that they rest well over the weekend.

Yours faithfully

Ms Blofield
Contingent Commander

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CCF CONTINGENTS PERSONAL CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT LIST

Clothing

1. CCF uniform: beret, smock, MTP shirt, green T-shirt, MTP trousers, and boots (*to be worn on the day of travel*)
2. Socks
3. Underwear
4. Fleece
5. Floppy hat
6. Sun hat and sunglasses
7. Towels
8. Civilian/sports clothing (*no strappy tops, short shorts, skirts, or dresses*)
9. Swimwear (*swim trunks/shorts or a one-piece swimsuit*)
10. Civilian long-sleeved top (*for PD land and water-based activities*)
11. Tracksuit or walking trousers (*for PD land and water-based activities*)
12. Training shoes ×2 (*one pair suitable for water-based activities*)
13. Washing kit (*toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, body wash, deodorant, and flannel*)

Equipment

1. Sleeping system/bivvi bag and mat (*to be brought in on Thursday 25th June*)
Mug and black water bottle
2. Boot brushes and polish
3. Lightweight compass (*optional*)
4. Notebook and pen
5. Small padlock
6. Torch (*preferably a head torch with red filter*)
7. Camping pegs (5–10)
8. Sun cream, lip balm, and insect repellent
9. Personal water bottle for PD activities
10. Battery-operated alarm clock/watch (*optional*)
11. Medication, if required (*clearly labelled with name and instructions*)
12. Bin bags



13. Spending money (small change for tuck shop)
14. Small games or activities for evenings (*e.g. book, pack of cards*)
15. Packed lunch for the day of travel

Additional Information

All items brought to camp are at the owner's risk. Expensive items (e.g. laptops, iPods, etc.) are strongly discouraged. Please note that there are no additional facilities available to store personal belongings outside of the accommodation blocks.