



Volunteer Cadet Corps

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BTEC QUALIFICATION SCHEME

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Introduction

1. The training cadets receive as members of the VCC provides them with many life skills such as teamwork, self-discipline, self-motivation, self-reliance and leadership. These are all attributes which colleges, universities and employers are looking for in applications/CVs.
2. Unfortunately, not all colleges or employers can readily quantify the experience and skills which a Volunteer Cadet will have. To address this the VCC has teamed up with CVQO to provide cadets with the opportunity to gain a BTEC Level 2 Diploma to recognise the training they receive in the VCC.

What is a BTEC?

3. The Business and Technology Education Council, or BTEC, series of awards are vocational, rather than traditional academic courses. They were first established in 1984 and are awarded over 7 levels; Levels 1 and 2 equate to GCSE, Level 3 to A-Level and Levels 4 – 7 hold the same status of achievement as a degree.
4. The VCC will take part in the following qualifications:
 - BTEC Level 2 in Teamwork and Personal Development in the Community.
 - BTEC Level 2 in Music for Practical Performance.

Who can take part?

5. The BTEC Level 2 is open to young people aged 16 – 18. The BTEC in Teamwork and Personal Development is open to all cadets; however, the BTEC in Music is only open to members of the Band.

What does it entail?

6. The BTEC as a modular based scheme where an individual is required to demonstrate competence, knowledge and experience in a variety of modules; however, a Cadet Corporal will have already met over 75% of the requirements. The completion of the Duke of Edinburgh's award scheme, Bronze or higher, also contributes to the award as recognised prior learning. All learning

is recorded in a workbook or online and will be checked by VCC Staff before submission for approval.

7. The outstanding training requirements will be completed during VCC drill nights, which will include some written work and giving a presentation or lesson to more junior cadets.

Costs

8. The BTEC Level 2 is FREE to all cadets aged 16 – 18.

Applications

9. It is intended to register all eligible General Duties cadets to for the BTEC in Teamwork and all eligible Band cadets for the BTEC in Music. Band cadets may also apply to undertake the BTEC in Teamwork, but will be required to undertake addition course modules if they have not completed the required GD phase training which counts as recognised prior learning.

Way ahead

10. A short presentation will be given on the BTEC awards to all cadets who will be 16 or older on 31 Jul 17 on **Fri 10 Feb 17**. VCC Admin will raise application forms for eligible cadets during the coming months, which will be sent home with cadets for signature by parents/guardians.

11. The BTEC courses run during the academic year and will therefore commence in September 2017.

Conclusion

12. A BTEC Level 2 award is an excellent opportunity to cadets to gain formal recognition of the additional skills and experience which they have gained during their time in the Volunteer Cadets. It complements the qualifications they have gained in school and is a worthy addition to any young adult's CV.

{ *Signed on Original* }

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All Eligible Cadets