



## Cadets

### QSD on 18 June 2019

This briefing identifies relevant reports and useful documents, including recent parliamentary materials and press articles, which may be of assistance to Members in preparing for the following debate:

Lord Lingfield to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the Cadet Expansion Programme in schools; and what steps they are taking to encourage the growth of cadet units of all three services.

Copies of the materials are available for collection from the Library.

#### Key Information

- Combined Cadet Force, '[Cadet Expansion Programme](#)', accessed 11 June 2019

*Information on the Cadet Expansion Programme, which currently aims to bring the total number of cadet units in state-funded schools to 500 by 2020. The programme was initially launched in June 2012, with the original target of delivering 100 cadet units in state-funded schools by September 2015. It achieved this initial target in March 2015.*

- Ministry of Defence, [MOD Sponsored Cadet Forces Statistics](#), 30 May 2019

*Statistics on the number of cadets in the UK, broken down by those in the Community Cadets (such as the Sea Cadet Corps) and in the school-based Combined Cadet Force (CCF). It found that, since 2015, the number of cadets in the CCF had increased slightly.*

- Department for Education, [The Cadet Experience: Understanding Cadet Outcomes](#), March 2018, pp 9–16

*Executive summary of a research project undertaken by Ecorys UK, on behalf of the Department for Education, into how being a cadet affects young people. This included consideration of educational attainment and community engagement.*

- University of Northampton, [What is the Social Impact Resulting from the Expenditure on the Cadet Forces?](#), 2018, pp 1–4

*Executive summary of the second interim report from the University of Northampton on the social impact arising from expenditure on the cadet forces. The report included consideration of the impact on social mobility, education and health and wellbeing.*

- Combined Cadet Force, '[Royal Navy](#)', '[Army](#)', '[Royal Air Force](#)', accessed 11 June 2019

*Information on the different branches of the CCF, covering the activities and training available under each.*

- Ministry of Defence, '[The Cadet Forces and MOD Youth Work](#)', 17 October 2016

*Government information on the cadet forces, including recent initiatives and a brief history.*

### **Parliamentary Debate, Statements and Questions**

- A selection of written questions from both Houses: [202826](#) (20 December 2018); [HL11050](#) (8 November 2018); [168019](#) (4 September 2018); and [68087](#) (22 March 2017)
- Ofsted, '[Letter from Amanda Spielman, HM Chief Inspector of Education, to Lord De Mauley](#)', 6 March 2018
- [Oral Question on 'Cadet Units: State Schools'](#), HC Hansard, 27 November 2017, cols 5–7

### **Press Articles and Comment**

- Camilla Turner, '[Schools with Debating Clubs or Cadets to be Rewarded to Help Build Childrens' Resilience, Ofsted Chief Says](#)', *Telegraph* (£), 16 January 2019
- Emma Sangster, '[Is Pushing the Cadets Really in Pupils' Best Interests?](#)', *Schools Week*, 9 October 2017

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