

Junior NCO Course

In order for cadets attending the Wing Junior NCO Course to gain the most out of the weekend, it is expected that the candidates have a sound knowledge of the following areas.

Names of Hants & IOW Wing Staff and their roles

Number of Squadrons & Detached Flights in our Wing

Name of our Wing and other Wings in our Region

Number of Wings in the Corps

Name of our Region and the number of Regions in the Corps

The names of the staff including their ranks of the following: Wing Commander / Wing Administrative Officer / Regional Commandant / Commandant Air Cadets

The location of Wing Headquarters / Region Headquarters / HQAC

History of the ATC as found in ACP 31 vol 1

History of the RAF as found in ACP 31 vol 2

Current affairs issues relating to the RAF today

RAF Stations in the Wing and the aircraft operated from them

Understand the rank structure of cadets and staff

Understand the classification structure for cadets

Know the qualifying ages for cadet activities

Know the Aims of the ATC and the Cadet Promise

In addition to the above all cadets must have a high personal standard of dress / discipline and drill

On arrival the cadets will be given a written test to ascertain their own level of knowledge. The mark gained will be used as part of the final assessment report. Those that do not achieve a minimum standard will be given a lesson incorporating the above areas and be re-assessed. The mark from the second assessment will be shown on the report but not used for the final grading. It is purely to see if they have indeed taken on board the information provided during the lesson.

Over the course of the weekend the cadets will undertake a series of theory and practical sessions to develop their knowledge and confidence in the following areas.

- Role of the NCO
- Leadership Styles
- Planning
- Drill, dress and discipline
- Fire & Security
- Practical Leadership Tasks
- Practical Drill Assessment

A high standard of personal dress is expected at all times throughout the weekend. Candidates will be inspected and marked on arrival and again at various times through the weekend. Come to the course expecting to work hard and gain valuable knowledge, build on experience already gained at unit level, make new friends and share experiences with others.

From past experience the cadets who gain the most out of the weekend are those that already have a reasonable level of knowledge about the Air Training Corps. Generally they find the information passed to them over the weekend less daunting than those who have had little experience in the organisation both at unit level and outside the squadron. Putting a cadet forward just to fill a place does not do the squadron or the cadet concerned any good – and in some cases can actually have a detrimental effect on the confidence of the cadet. Sometimes they would have benefited from waiting until the next course to gain a broader appreciation of our organisation.