

Uniform and it's upkeep

Uniform is issued to Cadets free of charge but remains Squadron property at all times. These guidelines are meant to give each Cadet the necessary information to enable him/her to ensure their uniform is in a clean and tidy condition at all times.

What you are issued (loaned) with:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>COLOUR</u>	<u>QTY</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
Jersey	RAF B/G	1	
Shirt, long sleeve	Working dark blue	2	
Shirt, long sleeve	Wedgwood blue	1	
Skirt, No.2 Dress	RAF B/G	1	Female Cadet
Trousers, No.2 Dress	RAF B/G	1 pr	
Belt	RAF B/G	1	To be worn with RAF B/G trousers
Beret with badge	RAF B/G	1	
Brassard	RAF B/G	1	
ATC Badge	RAF B/G	1	Worn on brassard
Unit Badge	RAF B/G	1	Worn on brassard
Anorak, Jeltex	Blue	1	
Tie	Black	1	Worn with Wedgwood shirt only

Shirts

There are two types of shirt issued to Cadets, the 'Working Blue' and 'Wedgwood Blue' shirt.

Care: Both type of shirt can be machine washed, and tumble dried, please check the label.
Both shirts should be cleaned and well ironed at all times with a single crease in each sleeve.

Wear (working blue)

The working blue shirt is dark in colour and should be worn with the top button undone and both pocket and epaulette buttons fastened. You do not wear a tie with this shirt. When worn with a V-neck jersey, the collars are worn on the outside. When worn with a crewneck jersey, the collar is worn on the inside. Some versions of the working blue shirt have a pleat in the back of the shirt. This pleat should be ironed in down the complete length of shirt back.

Wear (Wedgwood blue)

The wedgwood shirt is light blue in colour and should be worn with the top button done up and the pocket and epaulette buttons fastened. When wearing this shirt you always wear the black tie. When worn with a jersey, the collars are worn on the inside.

“Shirt sleeve order”

During hot summer months, shirt sleeve order may be issued.

The sleeves should be rolled smartly and three fingers in width, to just above the elbow. The brassard is worn over the rolled up sleeve.

Black Tie

Care: To clean use a damp cloth, to iron, iron it underneath an old tea towel or piece of cloth otherwise it will go shiny.

Wear: The tie is only worn with the Wedgwood shirt and should be tied with a Windsor knot. (See diagram)

Jersey/Jumper

Care: When necessary the jumper can be hand washed in warm water but not tumble dried. With care the jumper can be machine washed on a delicate wash.

The jumper is to be kept in a clean and good state of repair. The epaulettes should be damp pressed. The cuffs should be worn turned back.

Brassard

The Brassard is worn on the right arm. It should be kept in good condition by gentle warm ironing without introducing creases. All badges are to be neatly sewn on by the Cadet and in the correct position (see badge position diagram).

Trousers & Slacks

Trousers are to be kept in a clean and well pressed condition at all times. Creases are to run down the front and back of each trouser leg. Pressing should be undertaken with a damp cloth. The iron must never be allowed to touch the trouser material.

Trousers and slacks come in two material types. Older style 'wool rich' which may be carefully machine washed as woollens and a newer 'easy clean' which can be machine washed as per garment instructions.

Skirt

The skirt should be pressed to ensure a creaseless finish. The skirt should be dry cleaned only. The skirt is always worn with tights, the current regulation colour being 'barely black'.

Trouser Belts

Belts come with two buckle types, brass and staybright. Brass buckles differ in that they require regular polishing. The belt material should be cleaned with a stiff brush.

Beret

The beret is to be worn with the band horizontal around the head and one inch (2.5cm) above the eyebrows and the badge above the left eye. The badge must not be obscured when viewed from the front. The beret material should be cleaned with a stiff brush.

Jeltex foul weather Jacket

The Jeltex jacket should only be cleaned with a damp cloth. When worn the zip is to be drawn to the penultimate press stud and all lower studs fastened. The jacket must not be ironed or dry cleaned.

Footwear

Cadets are not issued with footwear so private purchase is necessary. The footwear must be black, laced, and have a toe cap. Boots and shoes are to be kept clean at all times. The first priority is that the main body of the shoe needs to be clean and polished. Following that the toe cap can be buffed to a high shine.

Cadets may wear either boots or shoes, however, girls MUST wear shoes with skirts, so we advise that girls buy shoes.

Socks

Socks must be black or very dark in colour.

Combat clothing

Combat clothing or "DPM" will be issued if we have sufficient stocks. You may purchase your own, but **consult a member of staff first** to ensure you buy the correct pattern. Otherwise you could buy a set, and then not be able to wear it, thus wasting your money.

Notes:

1. All items of uniform, *especially* the beret and jeltex anorak, must have your name written inside it. Items found without names in may be returned to stores and you will be billed for a replacement.
2. Wearing Uniform. Uniform is to be worn on official ATC activities only. Complete uniform only is to be worn: if an item is missing or damaged, you should attend in civilian clothing so that you can exchange or replace the item(s). **DO NOT WEAR PARTIAL UNIFORM.**

Note: Being able to wear a uniform is a great privilege and consequently it needs to be worn correctly at all times. It is something to be proud of bringing credit to both your Squadron and the ATC. Therefore, when an item of uniform becomes too small or worn it is the Cadet's responsibility to visit the Squadron stores to obtain a free replacement. Cadets are reminded that they are expected to personally undertake the ironing and sewing aspects of their Uniform care, and not to get mum or dad to do it!

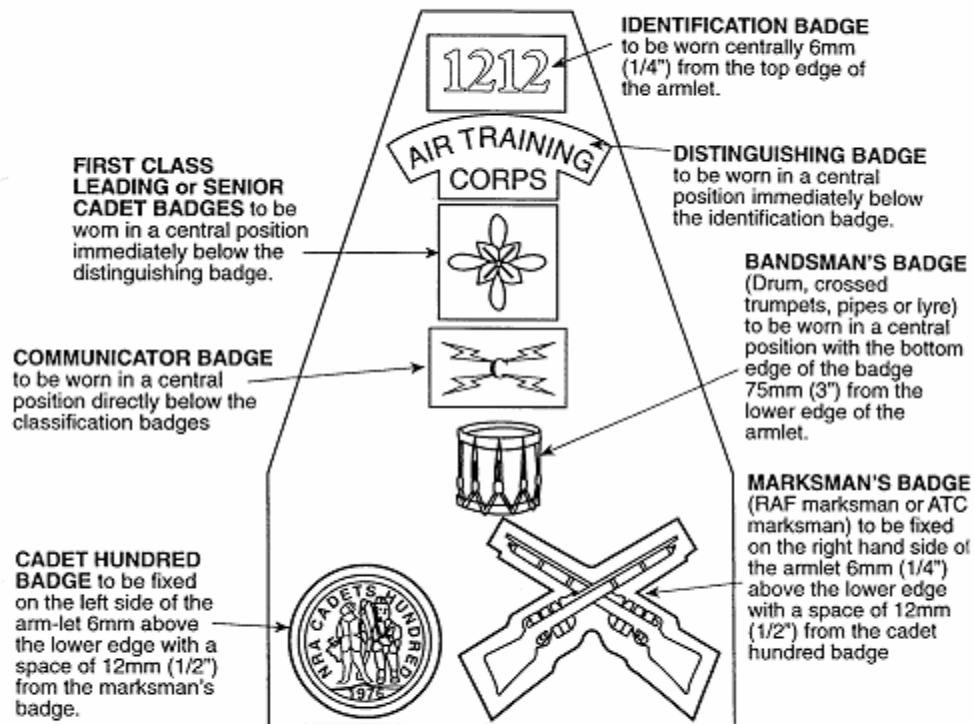
Where to obtain shoes, boots and other items of kit

We neither endorse nor recommend these supplies, they are provided for your own information.

<u>Local organisations</u>	<u>National organisations</u>
Morleys (Camping, outdoor and military uniform sales) Hereward Arcade Peterborough	Cadet Supply Department CTC Frimley Park Camberley Surrey GU16 5HD 01276 686468 www.csd.army.org.uk
Allkit (Suppliers of government surplus) The triangle Millfield Peterborough	North west supplies North West House 4 Llwyn Onn Industrial Estate Amlwch Anglesey LL68 9BQ 01407 832020 www.northwestsupplies.co.uk
www.ebay.co.uk	



POSITION OF ATC BADGES ON THE BRASSARD



- NOTES** (1) where only the RAF or Air Cadet marksman's badge is worn this is to be affixed centrally 6mm (1/4") above the lower edge.
 (2) The Duke of Edinburgh's Award badge is to be worn centrally on the right breast patch of the jersey.
 (3) Flying scholarship and gliding badges are worn on the left breast patch of the jersey.

How to tie the regular Windsor Knot

