

WELCOME

Welcome to Baldon School Sea Cadets

This booklet gives you a brief overview of Baldon School Sea Cadets, key contacts, and an idea of what your child will be doing.

Baldon School Sea Cadets aims to offer challenge and adventure to all its cadets. We believe in helping our young people get a head start in life by working in teams, learning by doing and thinking for themselves.

Through the adventure of Sea Cadets, young people get to take risks in a safe environment, and have their first taste of responsibility. We give young people experiences they'll never forget. The sort of adventure we offer is the chance to experience something different and the opportunity for young people to discover their potential.

All this is made possible by the efforts of our dedicated team of hard working volunteers. Our training scheme ensures that each of our volunteers gets to make the best use of their skills and talents.

Our adults have a responsibility to make our programme fun and exciting, we call this 'The Sea Cadet Experience'. They also make sure that it is safe. Our policies, rules, code of behaviour and advice on child protection and safety are there to ensure our young people stay safe while they enjoy themselves and learn.

Thanks once again, and welcome aboard!



ABOUT OUR UNIT

Baldon School Sea Cadets meets at their HQ in classroom HU6 each Tuesday after school. The Junior Section (10-11 years) starts at 3pm and ends at 4pm. The Senior Section (12-17 years) starts at 3pm and ends at 5:30pm. The unit was started in 2017 and attracts young people from all abilities, backgrounds and various career aspirations.

Main Contacts:

Unit Address:

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Unit Telephone Number:

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Commanding Officer:

SLt (SCC) Ingrid Moir RNR

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Executive Officer:

Lt Cdr (SCC) Steven Grainger RNR

Training Officer:

PO (SCC) Matthew Duggan

Unit Assistants:

Mrs N Gaudie

Mrs D Herring

Mrs C Dixon

THINGS YOU WILL NEED TO CHECK OUT

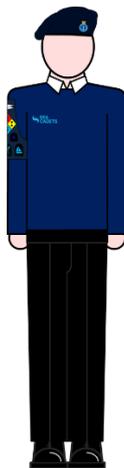
Uniforms

Uniform is an important part of being a Sea Cadets and is issued to all cadets by the unit within approximately 6 weeks of joining. Uniform is provided with the exception of black shoes or boots that can be polished. Parade boots can be ordered by the unit at a cost of £27.00.

Cadets will be taught how to look after their uniforms and will be regularly inspected to ensure high standards are maintained. If you have any questions or are unsure how to care for a particular item of kit, then please speak to a member of staff at the unit.

There is a deposit of £10.00 to pay upon receipt of the items, this is non-refundable if all uniform items are not returned in good condition, as all items of uniform remain property of the unit at all times and **must be returned upon leaving**. If items of uniform are lost then the cadet must replace the item at their own expense by ordering through Sea Cadet Stores.

Junior Sea Cadet Uniform



Sea Cadet Uniform



Subscriptions

Sea Cadets is great value for money! To cover our costs and pay for important things like insurance we ask for a small contribution from each cadet called subscriptions or subs.

Subs are payable using the following method: Cash

And are charged at £2.00 per week.

If you have any questions about subs or would like to request an alternative payment method please speak to S/Lt Moir.

Bursaries and financial assistance

Help is always available to ensure that everyone has the same opportunities in Sea Cadets and this includes financial assistance to cover some of the costs.

Speak with SLt Moir or email to find out more.

A WIDER VIEW...

Baldon School Sea Cadets is one of 7 Sea Cadet Units in Tyne South District and we participate in many activities locally and further afield. We do try to keep everyone informed of events and often rely on our young people to keep parents and carers up to date. Most of our announcements are posted on our Facebook page "Baldon School Sea Cadets," and we can also be contacted via the Facebook messenger.

WHERE TO GO TO GET MORE INFORMATION

There is a wealth of information and resources available to support you as a parent, here are some you may find useful!

www.sea-cadets.org

www.facebook.com

<https://www.facebook.com/SeaCadetsUK>

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the rank structure in Sea Cadets, how does that work?

Owing to our heritage our rank structure is aligned to the Royal Navy. Both cadets and volunteers enter a rank structure on joining Sea Cadets. Following a six-month probationary period, and as you learn and master new skills you can rise through the structure; more qualified Sea Cadets often share in the guiding of younger less qualified Sea Cadets and volunteers can rise to the rank of Commander. Those joining the Royal Marines cadets follow a rank structure aligned to the Royal Marines

Can I participate in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award in Sea Cadets?

Yes and you can compete for it as part of your normal sea cadet activities.

What national qualifications can I achieve as a Sea Cadet?

There are many. You can gain qualifications from the Royal Yachting Association, British Canoeing Union, the British Sub Aqua club, St John's Ambulance brigade, the Institute of Leadership and Management and others. You can achieve BTEC qualifications in a range of subjects. We are always looking to update our syllabuses to make them relevant to young people, and, where appropriate, align them to nationally recognised bodies.

What is a BTEC qualification?

As a Sea Cadet you can work towards a BTEC in Public Services, Music or Engineering as part of your normal Sea Cadet activities. This is a nationally recognised qualification which is the equivalent to four GCSEs at grade C (four standard grades at level 3 in Scotland)

Can parents volunteer?

We need your help – we need volunteers who are happy to roll up their sleeves, get involved and make a huge positive difference to the lives of the young people we work with. We have lots of roles to match your skills and there's training to help you gain more. If you have skills in leadership, business or administrations and would like to oversee a unit's operation why not join a unit's management team? As an instructor you can work with cadets across lots of activities. You don't need and any experience we offer all the training you need.



10 THINGS YOU MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT SEA CADETS

1. Sea Cadets is for girls as well as boys.
2. Sea Cadets is a global movement and Sea Cadets UK is a founding member of the International Sea Cadet Association (ISCA)
3. Young people can join at any stage of their development.
4. Sea Cadets is a registered charity as are all our units across the UK. The Parent Charity is Marine Society & Sea Cadets
5. Sea Cadets is great value!
6. Famous former Sea Cadets include Paul O'Grady and Dan Snow
7. Each year our volunteers give up 4.21 million hours between them to help improve the lives of young people.
8. There are 14,000 Sea Cadets across all 4 countries of the UK.
9. Sea Cadets was 160 years old in 2016.
10. Each year our cadets gain 30,000 nationally accredited qualifications between them.

