

# Combined Cadet Force (CCF)

All pupils in Year 10 join the CCF and are able to choose in which section they would like to become involved - Army, Navy or RAF. The CCF provides an environment where pupils can acquire a sense of responsibility, camaraderie and resourcefulness.

Founded in 1896 as the Cadet Corps, it became the OTC (Officers Training Corps) in 1908. Activities included army manoeuvres and rifle target practice.

It was reorganised in 1948 and renamed the Combined Cadet Force, with sections for army, navy and air force.

The formation of an RAF section led to the flying of gliders by pupils on the Memorial Field.

*Army teambuilding exercise*



# The Cadet Corps



*In camp, c.1900, probably at Aldershot*

*CCF Army summer camp, 2015*





# The Corps of Drums

As a part of the Corps, a 'bugle band' was formed and in 1897 the cadets helped to celebrate Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee by appearing with the Public Schools Corps at Windsor in the presence of the Queen.

*The Corps of Drums marching through Terminus Road, 1947*



*The Corps of Drums in Grove Road, Eastbourne, mid 1950s*



## CCF today



*Chief of the Defence Staff, General Sir David Richards (Wargrave 1965-70), now Lord Richards of Herstmonceux, with CCF cadets on their annual field day, 2010*

*Royal Navy section of the CCF at Cuckmere Haven, 2016*



## General The Lord Richards of Herstmonceux GCB CBE DSO DL (Wargrave 1965-70)



Lord Richards has had a notable army career. Commissioned into the Royal Artillery in 1971, he had become Chief of Staff of NATO Allied Rapid Reaction Corps by 2005. His career took him to many parts of the world including Sierra Leone and Afghanistan. He was created Aide-de-Camp to the Queen in 2008 and two years later became Chief of the Defence Staff.

*David Richards in 1965 at the College*

## Admiral Sir Ian Forbes CBE (Powell 1960-65)

Ian Forbes joined the Royal Navy in 1965 and served on several notable ships including the Royal Yacht *Britannia* and HMS *Invincible*. He was involved in major conflicts including both the Falkland and Gulf wars and the conflicts in Bosnia and Kosovo. He achieved the rank of Admiral in 2002. His final post was NATO's Supreme Allied Commander Atlantic. He served as Chairman of the College Council for nine years until 2013.





## CCF - RAF

### Roland 'Bee' Beamont CBE DSO\* DFC\* CDG (Crosby 1934-37)



He joined the RAF in 1939 and flew in the Battle for France and the Battle of Britain in 1940; later he shot down 32 V1s, and flew during and after the D-Day landings. After the war, he began a career as a test pilot and flew new military jet aircraft. In 1948, while in the USA, he broke the sound barrier and later set the record for being the first man to fly across the Atlantic and back in just over 10 hours.



*Left: Roland Beamont in a glider with some CCF cadets*



## Charity work

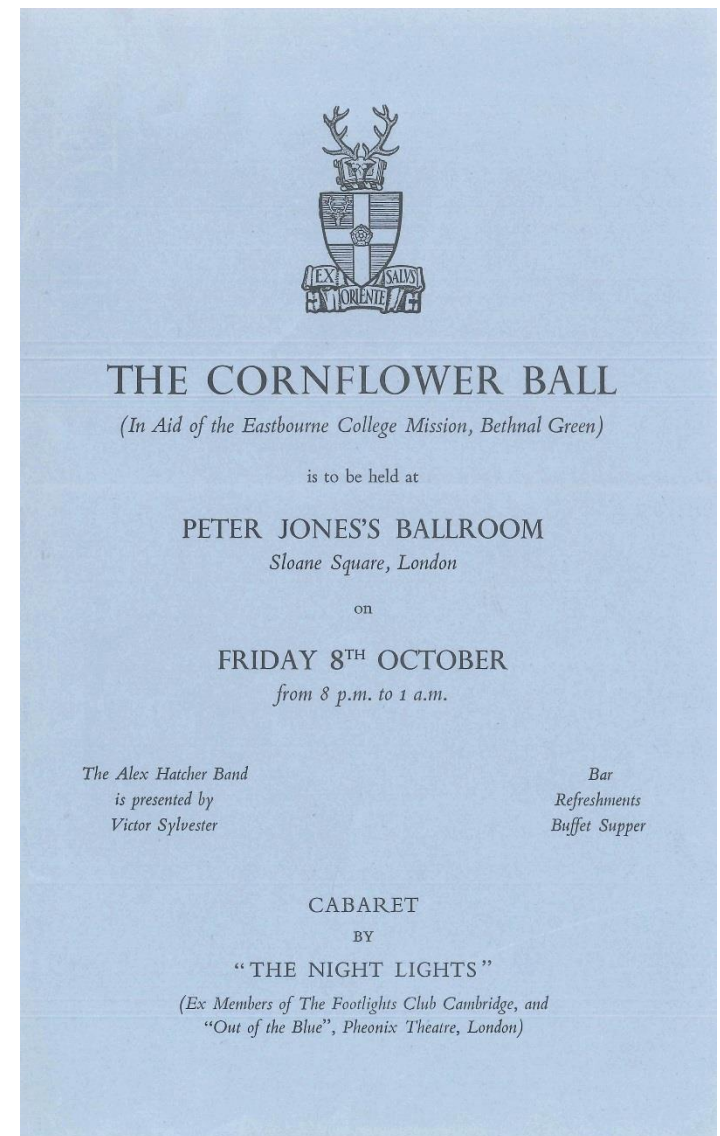
The College has been involved with charitable works since the early 1900s.

In 1906, the College established the Bethnal Green Mission (known as Eastbourne House) which provided support for underprivileged boys living in the East End.

To help with funding, a social event, the Cornflower Ball, was organised in 1954 to help raise funds. It continued as a fund-raising event for many years after.

During the depression years of the 1930s, pupils visited South Wales and the north of England to help with various projects in deprived areas.

In the early 1960s, a group known as the Social Commandos was established. Pupils helped in the local community, visiting the elderly and reading to residents of the Home for the Blind.



*Programme for the first Cornflower Ball, 1954*



## Early charitable works



*College pupils helping to build a playing field in the north of England during the 1930s*

*The Eastbourne College Mission, Bethnal Green*

Eastbourne College Mission



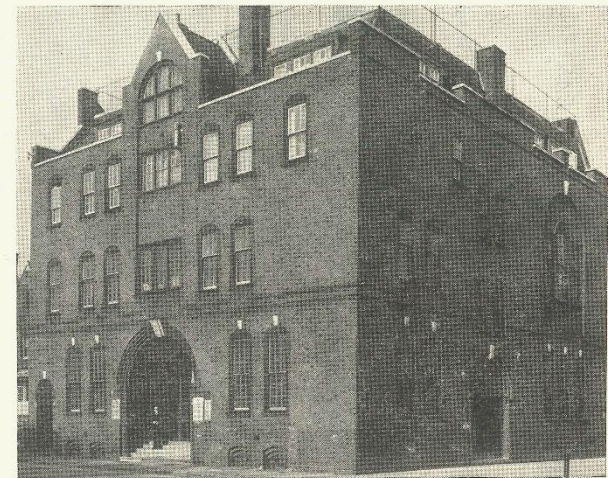
EASTBOURNE HOUSE

BULLARD PLACE

BETHNAL GREEN

LONDON E.2

1959



*Standing to **YOUR** account  
in the fight **FOR** Youth  
and **AGAINST** Crime*



## Service at School (S@S) and ECHO

Formed in 1993, Service at School is an option for Year 11 and Year 12 pupils (those not in the CCF) to become involved with community projects. These might include helping out in local charity shops, visiting St Wilfrid's Hospice or assisting in a winter night shelter.

*Monday Club, held in the College for elderly Eastbourne residents*



In 1999, the College set up the charity ECHO (Eastbourne College Help Overseas). It helps projects in all parts the world including Peru, Africa and Poland.

*College girls helping out at an orphanage and school in Kenya, 2015*