



Cadets

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Would you like to be
a Police Cadet?



West Midlands Police Cadets

As a Police Cadet you will:

- Be active citizens, playing an important role in being a positive voice in your community
- Develop your leadership skills and self confidence
- Learn about policing
- Embrace a spirit of adventure
- Represent West Midlands Police and be a part of our policing family



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The journey so far.....

We started the West Midlands Police Cadets scheme last year and we currently have around 70 cadets aged between 13-17. There are currently five units across the West Midlands, and each one are led by a team of volunteers – called Cadet Leaders - whose role is to make the sessions as fun, engaging and informative as possible.

The Cadets isn't about learning to become a Police Officer – it's about giving you the tools to succeed in life and to inspire you to engage positively in your community. We give you the platform to really make a difference, whilst giving you the opportunity to increase your confidence by doing things you may not get the chance to do otherwise.

There is a little bit of learning involved as we give you a basic understanding of policing, but you don't have to sit any tests or coursework as that's not what we are about. We will provide you with life skills learning such as first aid training or how to deal with bank accounts, and give you the opportunity to see areas of the Police that few others get to see – like Forensics or the Dog Unit.

The Police Cadets is the place to be – so what are you waiting for!

Summer Activity Days

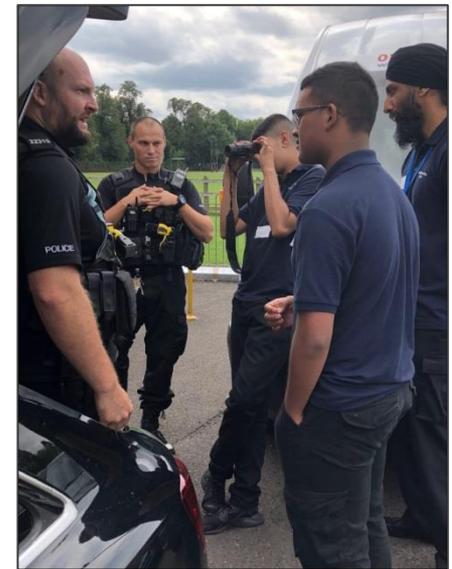
During the summer we wanted to say thank you to our current Cadets for all their hard work, so we organised day trips to Ackers Adventure, in Small Heath, where the cadets took part in activities such as zip wiring, orienteering and an outdoor obstacle and teambuilding course.



Summer Activity Days



We also organised a day at our training centre, Tally Ho! Where the cadets received inputs from various teams across the Force including Firearms, Forensics, the Dog Unit and many more! They also received army Drill training and had some fun with team building activities.



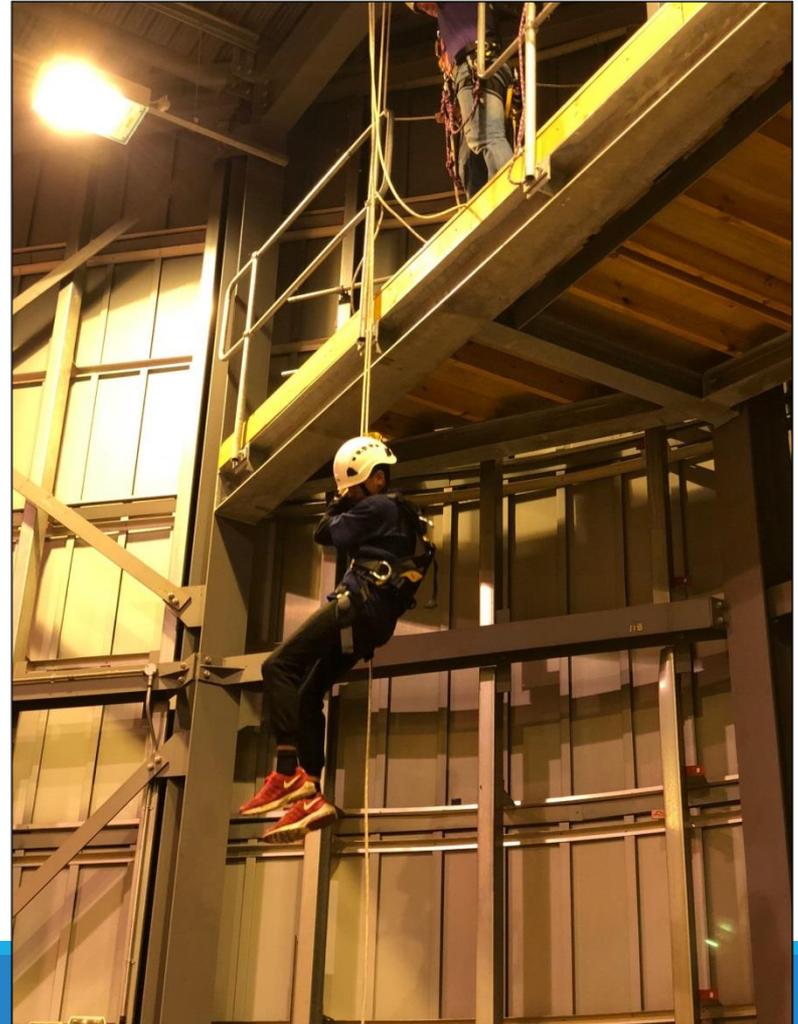
Throughout the year we will ask teams across the Force to give you interactive inputs so you can see what it's like as a member of the Policing family.....

Forensics Input





Firearms Unit Trip



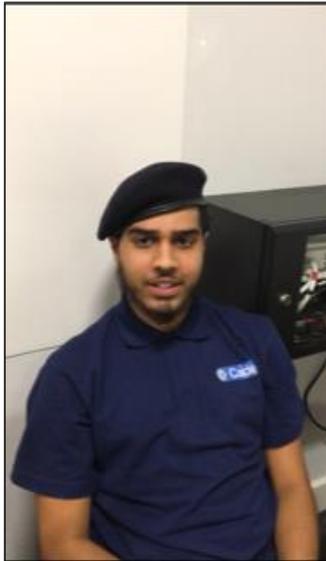


Sounds good? Well don't just take our word for it.....

“At the beginning the group were quite loud and boisterous. They had the same life stories I hear from my Prince’s Trust students, the difference being that my students didn’t have a programme where they could go to change their lives at a younger age, so ended up committing crime. A few weeks in and our Cadets are more confident, helping each other, and they look like a team. They are full of ideas of how to help their community and who to help, and are eager to be let loose in the local area. Each Cadet Leader has given up their own time to assist these young people – and the expert help and advice they have provided is rubbing off on the Cadets already.”

– PC Gareth Sankey, Cadet Leader

And these are from some of our current Cadets.....



“Every lesson I learn something new. It makes me feel part of the police family.”

Mohammed (Left)

“I feel like I can trust the police much more now I have understood the way they work.”

Najma (Right)



Our Cadet Leaders give up their free time to help you

“Being a Cadet Leader is challenging and often a real pull on my time... I’m mad busy already. When I get there and see the impact that our input has, I’m re-energised! It’s when a young person finds their voice, sits up a little straighter and someone values their opinion... it really makes the hours I’ve given up worthwhile.”

– Elaine Clough, Cadet Leader.



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Being a Cadet won't be easy.....

As a Cadet you will have a lot of responsibility because you become part of our policing family and we want you to be a positive voice in your community. But it's not all hard work, because as a family we all stick together and support each other.

So don't worry if you don't want to be a Police Officer. Don't even worry if the last thing you think you'd want to do is join the Police force! Because that's not what we're about. We want you to become the best person you can be, and we will do everything we can to support you to do that.

So, are you up for the challenge?

Thank you!

I hope you have enjoyed this presentation – do you have any questions?

