

Cadets Briefing Note

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Xtreme Everest Applications

Audience **ACF** CCF (RN) CCF(RM) **CCF(Army)** CCF(RAF)

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Introduction

1. The Army Cadets National Ambassador, Jordan Wylie MBE has launched his next major expedition - Xtreme Everest. In 2028, Jordan will undertake one of the most extraordinary journeys ever attempted: travelling from the Dead Sea, the lowest point on Earth, to the summit of Mount Everest, the highest.

2. In April 2028 over Easter, ten cadets and three adult volunteers will join Jordan in Nepal, trekking to Everest Base Camp as part of his journey to the summit. This is a fully funded expedition; we want the best Army Cadets and CFAVs from all parts of the UK and every background to put themselves forward.

Selection criteria

3. It is important that all applicants understand that this is not just a two-week expedition to Nepal but a huge commitment to a two-year programme of training, development, and preparation beginning in July 2026 and culminating in April 2028.

4. Successful applicants must meet key milestones throughout the two-year programme. They must be prepared to travel independently at their own expense to attend regular in-person weeklong training events during school holidays, team meetings and media & press engagements.

Cadets

5. To be eligible to apply, cadets must meet all the following criteria:

- a. Be aged 16 or over and in Year 12 or equivalent on the 1 April 2028.
- b. Have completed least one years' service in the ACF or CCF (Army) on 1 June 2026.
- c. Have completed ACS 1 Star by 1 June 2026.
- d. Have ACF Commandant or CCF Contingent Commander support to apply.
- e. Must be physically fit, mentally robust and free from injury, and illness.
- f. Must be prepared to undergo a full medical examination prior to departure.



- g. Have full parent/guardian permission and support required to meet the requirements of the two-year programme.

Adult volunteers

- 6. To be eligible to apply, adult volunteers must meet all of the following criteria:
 - a. Have completed a minimum of two years' uniformed service in the ACF or CCF(Army) on 1 June 2026.
 - b. Have ACF Commandant or CCF Contingent Commander support to apply.
 - c. Hold a minimum of MT Hill & Moorland Leader or equivalent.
 - d. Be physically fit, mentally robust, free from illness and injury and able to undertake a demanding high-altitude trekking expedition.
 - e. Must be prepared to undergo a full medical examination prior to departure.

How to apply

- 7. Applications from eligible cadets and CFAVs should be submitted through Westminster – code 26/1195826 between 1 June and 1 July 2026.
 - a. Applicants must gain support from their chain of command as supporting statements will be requested from ACF Detachment/CCF(A) Section Commanders and CFAVs Commandant/Contingent Commanders.

Application and selection process

- 8. The selection process has been designed to be thorough, fair, and supportive.
 - a. 1 June to 1 July 26. Application completed via Westminster (code: 26/1195826).
 - b. Supporting statements will be requested from Detachment or Section Commander for cadets, and County Commandant or Contingent Commander for CFAVs.
 - c. 10 August 2026. A shortlisted group of up to 80 applicants will be contacted and invited to submit a 60-second video explaining why they should be chosen to take part in the expedition.
 - d. 25 to 30 October 2026. Selection weekend, 40 cadets and 8 CFAVs will be invited to attend a face-to-face selection week at the Cadet Centre for Adventurous Training at Capel Curig, North Wales.
 - e. Final 20 cadets and four CFAVs will be selected to progress on to a full training programme.
- 9. Successful applicants must be able to attend the following training events:
 - a. 25 to 30 October 2026: Face to face selection, CCAT Capel Curig.

- b. 21 to 26 March 2027: Development training, CCAT Halton.
- c. June 2027: Cleveland Hike.
- d. October 2027: STEM camp.
- e. November 2027: Full medical and final selection of ten cadets and two reserves, and three CFAVs and one reserve.
- f. February 2028: Expedition readiness training including specialist altitude training.
- g. 8 to 25 April 2028: Xtreme Everest deployment.