

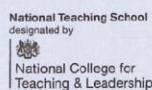
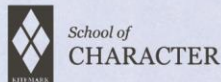
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Dear Parents/Carers

The Malling School was accepted by the Department for Education (DfE) and The Ministry of Defence (MoD) as a school-based Sea Cadet Corps training unit two years ago. We are informally known as The Malling School Sea Cadet Unit, but once commissioned under the name of TS (Training Ship) Spitfire.

Sea Cadets is different from school. There's a lot of learning. But it's done through activities – on the water and off the water. Our unit is led by Mr Hammell who works at TMS. He is also currently a Sub Lieutenant in the Sea Cadet Corps (Royal Navy Reserve). Prior to working at TMS, Mr Hammell spent 27 years in the Royal Navy reaching the rank of Chief Petty Officer. He is supported directly by Mr Williams, Deputy Headteacher, who prior to starting his teaching career, successfully completed his Potential Officers Course with the Royal Marines. They are also supported by other staff including Mrs Cook, Miss Collins and Mr Nicholls, among others.

Being part of the Sea Cadets is also different from home, a break from screens and being cooped up inside. The experience we offer is built on the customs and traditions of the Royal Navy. It complements our current work and commitment to supporting our students and helping them prepare for the adult world. Our students will meet other cadets at events around the UK, and on trips abroad. They will learn to be comfortable with meeting people from different places and backgrounds, and confident in dealing with new situations, which can make going out into the world so much easier later on.

If you think Sea Cadets sounds like having orders barked at you, please think again. Many cadets do want to learn to be a bit more self-disciplined, but our school-based staff and other Sea Cadet instructors will help with that and make it fun. Being part of the TMS Sea Cadet Corps unit will also help our students to try things they've never done before, safely, and to support them until they achieve it.

The Sea Cadet Corps is a uniformed organisation and as such, subscriptions will be necessary. A one-off £40 joining fee is applicable which will cover the cost of accessories, badges for uniform and equipment throughout their time as a Cadet. Thereafter, a £10 monthly payment is required to pay for any costs and training activities.

Our unit training sessions will be held on school site on a Monday or Wednesday night, directly after-school.

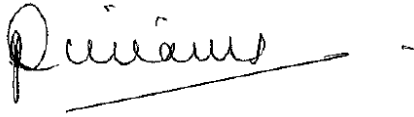
If you would like your son/daughter to join The Malling School's Sea Cadet Corps Unit, TS Spitfire, then please complete the form below and ensure it is returned to Mr Hammell in the SRP Hub as soon as possible. Initial places are strictly numbered and places will be decided based on availability.

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More information will be distributed by Mr Hammell to those interested. However, if you have any initial questions or queries, including the school's policy on financial hardship, then please email Mr Hammell or Mr Williams directly on the following email addresses:

gary.hammell@themallingschool.kent.sch.uk
paul.williams@themallingschool.kent.sch.uk

Yours sincerely



Mr P Williams
Deputy Headteacher – Pastoral

Student name: _____

Student year group and form: _____

I would like my son/daughter to be part of The Malling School Sea Cadet Corps Unit and will be willing to pay the £40 joining fee and £10 monthly subscription. (This is payable after four weeks on joining)

Signed by parent/carer: _____

