

FIRST SEA LORD'S CADET 2024

LC CHLOE JOYCE-RICHARDSON



HUDDERSFIELD UNIT
WEST YORKSHIRE DISTRICT
EASTERN AREA



Chloe joined Sea Cadets in 2018 as a junior cadet and has progressed to a Leading Cadet in 2023. Being part of Sea Cadets has allowed Chloe to gain many qualifications and she is particularly proud of achieving the Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award, especially as it was undertaken during the pandemic.

Respectful and personable, Chloe is supportive to all who she meets and represents Sea Cadets with genuine pride and passion. She utilises her skills and experience to assist with the training and mentoring of her peers, while promoting their priorities with senior volunteers in her role as the unit's cadet representative.

Chloe also contributes her time to helping the unit's Trustee Management Team raise the funds needed to deliver inclusive, family events – organising bag packs and other activities to support the awards nights and Christmas parties that bring people together and strengthen engagement with the unit.

Passionate about her community, Chloe has represented the Sea Cadet Corps in several Remembrance events, including as the standard bearer at Huddersfield's 2023 Remembrance Parade. Outside of cadets, Chloe devotes her

time to raising money for charity – taking part in the Race for Life for Cancer Research every year since she was eight, and completing the Kirkwood Midnight Memory Walk in aid of a local care home and respice centre.

As well as her love of water-based courses such as sailing and windsurfing, Chloe enjoys taking part in adventure training and mountain biking. Competitions are her favourite part of being a cadet, as they allow her to meet and engage with other young people with similar interests. Chloe also embraces any opportunity to work alongside other cadet forces, as she finds it hugely rewarding to learn about their experiences and share her knowledge of Sea Cadets and the Royal Navy.

Chloe is attending her Petty Officer Cadet board early next year, where she hopes to demonstrate the personal growth and desire for achievement that Sea Cadets has cultivated. That development also benefitted her at school, where Chloe took on a leadership position on the student council. Now studying A-level Maths, Physics and Chemistry at college, her dream is to become a mechanical engineer.

FIRST SEA LORD'S CADET 2024 POC MEGAN STOWELL

NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS UNIT
MERSEYSIDE EAST DISTRICT
NORTH WEST AREA



Megan has been a Sea Cadet since February 2018. She first demonstrated her leadership qualities while still a junior, and the unit's Cadet of the Year award for 2019 marked an impressive start to her cadet career. From the beginning, Megan has volunteered to take part in any event, activity and course that she can, and always encourages her fellow cadets to get involved too – including in the competitions where she has been proud to represent her unit or district on many occasions.

An accomplished performer on the national stage, Megan has represented the North West Area in the National Drill & Piping Competition for the past two years, where her abilities earned her the chance to represent the Sea Cadet Corps at 2023's National Remembrance Sunday Parade at the Cenotaph. Megan also participated in the National Trafalgar Day Parade of 2022, as a leading member of the SCC Physical Training Display Team, and was a finalist (with the North West Area team) in the 2023 SCC First Aid Competition.

Passionate about improving the Sea Cadets Experience, Megan is the Cadet Voice lead within her unit – an influential role in which she uses her excellent communication skills to ensure

that the Command Team are aware of cadets' priorities. As well as empowering younger cadets, Megan is also committed to working with adult volunteers to ensure new ideas are successfully implemented to the benefit of all.

Megan has a flair for creating learning aids, having helped to develop 'session resources boxes' to assist instructors and cadets undertaking the peer educator course. She has also produced a special workbook full of research tasks and quizzes, designed to stimulate cadets and help them gain or refresh their Cadet Training Programme knowledge while they undertake unit roles such as quartermaster.

A valued mentor to other cadets, Megan helps to run a variety of courses at unit junior drill days and is now passing on her experience to develop the leadership skills of able cadets. She has also run successful charity events to benefit her unit, showing great initiative to approach stakeholders for donations and discounts.

Megan is now undertaking a Health & Safety apprenticeship with a company called Walker Engineering in Skelmersdale.

FIRST SEA LORD'S CADET 2024 LC MILLICENT WALKER

CHESHUNT UNIT
LONDON NORTHERN DISTRICT
LONDON AREA



Millicent joined Sea Cadets in June 2017 as a junior cadet. Since then, her cadet journey has seen her achieve qualifications in physical training, shooting and boating, which have allowed her to build confidence, resilience and leadership skills. Those qualities have helped Millicent to thrive as a valued member of her unit and London Northern District, culminating in her recent selection as a Lord-Lieutenant's Cadet for Hertfordshire.

Sheer hard work and enthusiasm epitomised Millicent's time as a junior cadet, resulting in a well-deserved Commodore's Pennant. After her twelfth birthday, she continued to throw herself into all courses, competitions and community activities, taking great pride in her progress through the ranks.

Millicent is a dedicated, loyal and competitive cadet who likes to be challenged, whether as an individual or part of a team. A good example of this is her regular participation in London Area's prestigious adventure training competition, the Chosin Cup, where her campcraft and orienteering skills helped Cheshunt Unit to a fine third place in 2023.

Applying her competitive spirit to 2022's Intermediate Physical Training course, Millicent's

remarkable performance saw her awarded the 1956 Temeraire Trophy as the leading participant. She has continued this focus on PT, including as a senior member of the display team that entertained hundreds of spectators and VIPs at 2023's National Trafalgar Day Parade – a major contribution to one of the Corps' most impressive events for many years.

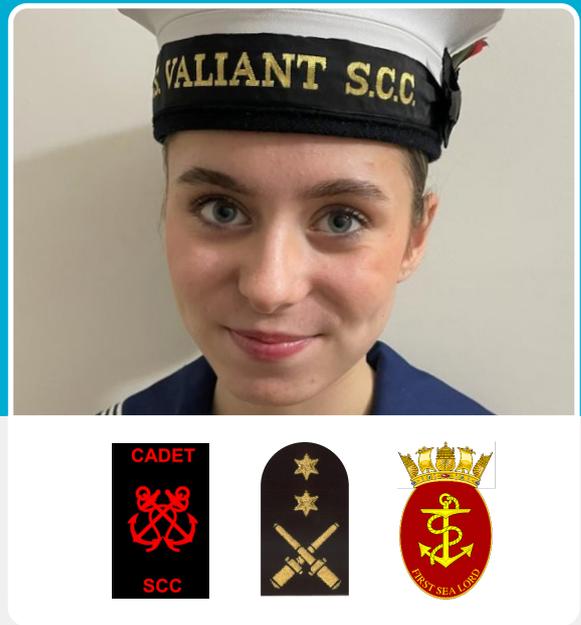
In qualifying as an Advanced Cadet PT Instructor, Millicent hugely impressed the staff of the London Area PT Team, who are delighted to be gaining a talented and highly effective instructor.

A proud, focused and determined cadet, Millicent won her unit's Cadet of the Year awards in 2021 and 2023. She was also part of Sea Cadets' impeccable flag bearing team for the Army vs Navy Rugby match at Twickenham in 2023, and is currently working towards her Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

Since her promotion to Leading Cadet, Millicent has acted as a mentor and role model for her division and the rest of the unit – by continuing to always go above and beyond what is expected and excelling in all that she does.

FIRST SEA LORD'S CADET 2024 POC ASHLEY ARTHUR

DUNBAR UNIT
EDINBURGH DISTRICT
NORTHERN AREA



Ashley joined Sea Cadets in June 2017, having been encouraged by her sister Abigail – then a Cadet First Class at their local unit. Ever since her days as a junior, Ashley has been determined to grow and develop while embracing the fun and adventure of the Sea Cadets Experience. Taking inspiration from the senior cadets and staff who made her feel so welcome and supported, she has shown great self-discipline to fulfil her potential while making lifelong friends and memories.

Achieving her dream of promotion to Petty Officer Cadet was a particularly impressive demonstration of Ashley's drive and work-ethic, as she successfully overcame several challenges – including the fact that the unit had to find new accommodation when their building was condemned.

Despite such disruptive circumstances, Ashley became a vital, trusted mentor for younger cadets, and rose to the challenge of delivering lessons while continuing to excel in her own Cadet Training Programme modules. As Leading Cadet, Ashley's compassion for others allowed her to step up and become a role model for how to adapt and thrive during a period of change – as she played a key role in helping the unit settle into a new way of working.

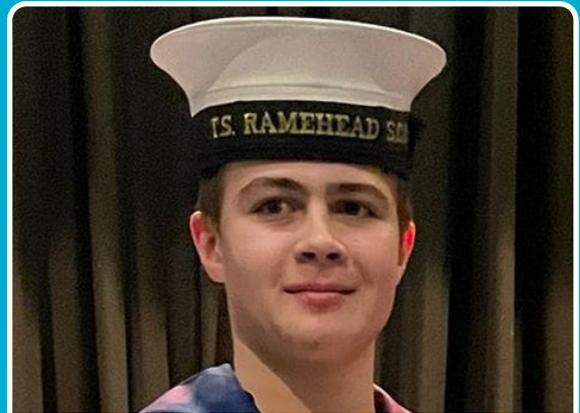
Having developed her leadership and management skills within the unit, Ashley now has the self-confidence to apply them more widely on courses and offshore voyages throughout the Sea Cadet Corps. Well respected by her peers and instructors, she took the lead in planning a successful fundraising open day for her unit – which highlighted her attention to detail and talent for organising groups of individuals in support of a common goal.

On a regular night at the unit, Ashley – a qualified Cadet Drill Instructor – takes charge of teaching drill modules to cadets, as well as assisting them with any additional support needs. Her uniform upkeep is the best in the unit, and the fact that she has won the unit's Cadet of the Year award for both juniors (2018) and seniors (2019) reflects her dedication to the highest standards.

Having strived to improve her teamwork skills and build strong working relationships, Ashley is rightly proud of the huge personal progress she has made. She continues to demonstrate an immense passion and positivity for everything related to Sea Cadets, and aspires to join the Royal Navy.

FIRST SEA LORD'S CADET 2024 LC WILLIAM WOOLLER

TORPOINT UNIT
CORNWALL DISTRICT
SOUTH WEST AREA



William joined Sea Cadets in January 2019 and has since risen through the ranks to become a Leading Cadet, and his unit's most senior cadet. He became an active member of the unit within his first few months, thanks to his strong parade night attendance and participation in all community events. William has also made major contributions to competition teams, and has shown a great desire to gain the widest possible range of knowledge and experiences – including qualifications in everything from campcraft to seamanship, and a Silver Duke of Edinburgh's award.

An avid sailor, William has achieved RYA Sailing Stage 4; the RYA Dinghy Instructor qualification; and is making significant progress towards his RYA Day Skipper qualification, supported by time on board the yacht TS City of London. He was also selected to represent the Sea Cadet Corps at the 2022 RS21 National Championships in Portland Harbour, where he relished the chance to gain top-level racing experience.

His flair for drill and ceremonial activity sees William deliver high personal standards of dress and deportment; these attributes have been particularly valued within the Torpoint Unit Continuity Drill Team – which William helped

to become national champions in 2023. He has since gone on to pass the Cadet Drill Instructor course with a class-topping grade of 84%.

A talented clarinet player, William joined the newly formed Torpoint Unit band in 2019 and was part of the South West entry which was runner-up at the 2019 National Band Contest in the Tower of London. He won the 'Best Musician' trophy at the 2023 South West Area Band Contest and recently achieved his Grade 8 clarinet qualification. A mainstay of the South West Area Band at a variety of ceremonial events and parades in recent years, William has also performed with the Massed Band of the Sea Cadets at three separate National Trafalgar Parades.

In October 2023, William was appointed a Lord-Lieutenant's Cadet for Cornwall after excelling during the selection process; he has since attended several civic and high-profile events in support of the Lord-Lieutenant.

William is due to attend his Petty Officer Cadet advancement board in March 2024 and has already indicated that he intends to remain within the Sea Cadet Corps as an adult volunteer upon turning 18 in December 2024.

FIRST SEA LORD'S CADET 2024 POC GRACE PARSONS

BOURNEMOUTH UNIT
WESSEX DISTRICT
SOUTHERN AREA



Grace joined Sea Cadets in September 2019 as a shy 12-year-old and has since become a confident and reliable individual. During her initial months at cadets, she was able to go on courses, volunteer at a care home, complete Cadet Training Programme modules and start learning how to kayak.

Before entering lockdown, Grace was able to complete her new entry training and promotion to cadet. Despite the restrictions, she continued to complete courses remotely on a range of topics, including marine engineering, and has since completed the CyberFirst Defenders course which she found to be a valuable and enjoyable experience.

Showing a strong commitment to her community, Grace has participated in a variety of drill and ceremonial events and has been selected to lay a wreath at Remembrance Day for two consecutive years. Within her unit, she regularly takes on the role of duty cadet and was recently chosen to be duty cadet at the 2023 Royal Naval Parade. She has also represented Wessex District with distinction at a number of events including the district colours dedication ceremony in early 2023.

Grace enjoys boating, with a particular love for sailing and paddlesports. She was able to complete her Paddlesport Instructor qualification in 2022 and has since helped in the teaching of many cadets at her unit. To develop her sailing skills, Grace has taken part in offshore voyages onboard the yachts TS Sir Stellios and TS City of London, and the powerboat TS John Jerwood, allowing her to complete her Day Skipper Theory onboard – making her a Cadet Navigation Instructor.

As a Petty Officer Cadet, Grace has had the opportunity to help out at her unit by planning and teaching a new entry training weekend, as well as running a basic navigation course delivered at the unit over a series of weeks. She is currently working towards her Gold Duke of Edinburgh's award, having completed Bronze and Silver as well as achieving a Level 2 BTEC in Teamwork and Personal Development.

Outside her life in cadets, Grace is currently studying towards A-levels in French, Computer Science and English Literature, as well as an Extended Project Qualification designed to extend and develop her abilities beyond the A-level syllabus.