

2175 (Rolls-Royce) Squadron ATC

Uniform Handout



The Air Training Corps is a military organization and therefore a certain standard of dress is required. Inspections will take place each parade night. Members of the ATC are entitled to wear uniform only when attending authorised ATC meetings or parades or when specially authorised.

Standards of Dress

There are several standards of dress, which are worn on different occasions. These are detailed below.

Working Dress (Dark Blues)

1. RAF Shoes (Purchased Separately)
2. Socks/Tights
3. Trousers/skirt
4. Belt
5. Dark Blue Shirt
6. Jersey
7. Brassard
8. Beret

Shirt Sleeve Order

As above but without jersey and with sleeves rolled up to elbows. The cuffs of the sleeves should be used to ensure sleeves are rolled up evenly. Brassard should be worn on the outside of the sleeves.

Wedgwood Dress (Light Blues)

As above, but with Wedgwood blue shirt.

DPM Uniform (Greens, Soldier 95 or MTP)

1. Beret
2. DPM Jacket
3. DPM shirt
4. T-Shirt, Olive Green or brown (Purchased Separately)
5. DPM Trousers
6. Trouser Twists

7. Green Belt or Stable Belt (Purchased Separately)
8. Combat boots, Black or Brown (Purchased Separately)

The squadron will try to issue you with most items, with the exception of boots, however, some may have to be purchased from Army surplus stores or www.cadetdirect.com.

Items of Uniform: Dress and Care

Beret

When issued with your beret you should shape it to fit your head using the method explained on the lining. The beret is to be clean and is to be worn with the band horizontal around the head and 2.5cm (one inch) above the eyebrows and the badge above the left eye. Loose material is to be drawn to the right and the badge clearly displayed in a position directly above the left eye. The badge must not be obscured when viewed from the front. The band around the beret should not be frayed and any loose adjustment chord at the rear should be tucked into the band. The beret material should be free of loose threads and fuzz.

Jersey

The jersey is to be kept in a clean and good state of repair. The jersey should be lightly ironed in a downward direction; the iron must never be allowed to touch the jersey material to prevent burning, use a cloth. The jersey is worn pulled down and not folded over at the waist, the cuffs should be worn turned back. The jersey should be free of snags and holes and of the correct length in arms and body. Jerseys should be regularly shaved, lightly, to prevent a build up of fuzz. It should be dry cleaned or washed on a delicate wash, but never tumble-dried.

Brassard

The Brassard should be clean and worn on the right arm. It should be kept in good condition by gentle warm ironing on the reverse, without introducing creases. All badges are to be neatly sewn on by the Cadet and in the correct position (see badge position diagram) with black thread. The badges should be free from loose threads or lifting edges. In shirtsleeve order the bottom of the brassard should be worn outside the rolled up shirtsleeve. Please see back page for position of badges on the brassard.

Rank Slides

Blue rank slides only are to be worn.

Shirts

All shirts should be cleaned and well ironed at all times with a single crease in each sleeve. The shirt should be in a good state of repair, with no loose threads or missing buttons.

There are two types of blue shirt issued to Cadets, the 'Working Blue' and 'Wedgwood Blue' shirt. The working blue shirt is dark in colour and should be worn with the top button

undone and both pocket and epaulette buttons fastened. The dark blue shirt is worn without a tie and when worn with a jersey the collars are worn on the outside.

Wedgwood shirts are light blue in colour and are worn with a black tie and collars worn inside the jersey. They should only be worn on ceremonial occasions. They are never worn without tie or with sleeves rolled up.

Two colours of green shirt are currently in use: Soldier 95 (Dark) and MTP (light). The Soldier 95 is being phased out in favour of the MTP. Soldier 95 and MTP must never be mixed. A T-Shirt, Olive Green or brown, should always be worn underneath. Soldier 95/MTP shirts may be worn with sleeves rolled up or down depending on weather/exercise conditions.

On the Green Soldier 95 shirt, the following badges must be worn:

1. The Union Flag emblem – worn centrally on left arm, 5cm below the shoulder seam
2. The Air Cadet Patch – worn centrally and immediately above the right breast pocket
3. The Cadet TRF – worn centrally on the right arm, 7.5cm below the shoulder seam

On the Green MTP shirt, the following badges must be worn:

1. The Union Flag emblem – worn centrally on left arm, 5cm below the shoulder seam
2. The Cadet TRF – worn centrally on the right arm, 7.5cm below the shoulder seam

Black Tie

The tie is only worn with the Wedgwood shirt and should be tied with a Windsor knot. It should not be tucked into the shirt. When a tie is worn, the shirtsleeves should be down.



Trousers

Trousers should be of the correct length and are to be kept in a clean and well-pressed condition at all times. Creases are to run down the front and back of each trouser leg. Pressing should be undertaken with a damp cloth to aid the pressing. The iron must never be allowed to touch the trouser material to prevent burning. The edges of the pockets should not be frayed and there should be no scorch marks. Blue service issue trousers should be dry cleaned only.

Soldier 95/MTP trousers should be rolled up and secured with trouser twists.

Skirt

Skirts should be in good repair, and of the correct length (down to the mid knee). The skirt should be pressed to ensure a creaseless finish to the front and back. The sides of the skirt should be pressed with a damp cloth to ensure good creases run down both sides. The iron must never come into contact with the material. The skirt should be dry cleaned only. The skirt is always worn with tights, the current regulation being 15 denier, 'nearly black' from Marks and Spencers.

Trouser Belts

The buckle of the blue trouser belt (males only) should be regularly polished with Brasso to ensure a good shine. It should be free from scratches.

RAF Stable belts are an optional item; however, we encourage you to purchase one. Green belts must be worn with Soldier95/MTP for shooting and fieldcraft activities.

Jeltex Foul Weather Jacket

The Jeltex jacket should only be cleaned with a damp cloth. The jacket must not be ironed or dry-cleaned. It is worn zipped up however; the top part should be left undone and folded over.

DPM Jacket

The DPM Jacket should be worn fastened with the top button undone and tied at the waist and bottom. The pockets should remain fastened and there should be no missing buttons. Hoods should be rolled up and secured with the button.

Socks and Tights

Socks should be black and in good repair. Tights should be 15 denier, "nearly black" in colour and seamless; they should not have any snags or ladders.

Footwear

Cadets are not issued with shoes or boots so private purchase is necessary. Shoes must be black and laced with a toecap. Boots must be black for Soldier 95 but can be black or brown if worn with MTP. RAF issue shoes and boots are available from most Army surplus stores or www.cadetdirect.com.

Boots and shoes are to be kept clean at all times. The first priority is that the main body of the shoe or boot needs to be clean and polished. Following that the toecap of the shoes can be bulled to a high shine. Laces should be straight across and neatly fastened.

How to Bull your Shoes to a High Shine

What you will need:

1. Kiwi Parade Gloss
2. Cloth. (An old white t-shirt works best)
3. Water
4. Lighter

Take your cloth and wrap it around your index finger. Then, dip your cloth into the water and then add a small amount of shoe polish. Be careful not to soak the cloth. Rub the polish into the leather in a circular motion. Next, take your lighter and heat the polish on the shoe for a few seconds. Be careful not to burn the shoe, or yourself. Dip the cloth in water and adding another small amount of polish, rub the polish into the leather in a circular motion making sure that you cover the whole toecap. Continue rubbing until all the polish has gone into the shoe and a high shine is achieved.

If this is the first time you have bulled your shoes it may take a few attempts until a really good shine appears.

After a period of time, the polish on your shoes may begin to crack and become dull. You should strip the polish from them by gently heating the toecap using your lighter, and then using a cloth to wipe off the polish as it melts. Do this until you reach the leather; your shoes will now be in a good state to shine again.

Personal Effects

No trinkets, earrings or unauthorised badges are to be worn. Tiepins may not be worn. Body piercings are not to be worn. Plain wedding rings only and a watch of inconspicuous style may be worn.

Tatoos

Tattoos and henna style markings should not to be visible when on a formal ceremonial parade.

Charity Wristbands. Personnel may wear either of the following wristbands with Working Dress and Soldier 95/MTP: RAFA, RAFA Youth, RAFBF and the Help the Heroes wristband. Wristbands are not to be worn with formal orders of dress or for any other dress Inspections.

Hair

The hair of the head is to be well cut and trimmed. Extreme styles of haircuts and colouring are not permitted, if the hair is dyed or highlighted, the colour chosen is to be natural and in a uniform shade appropriate to the individual. Sideburns are to be short and well trimmed and are not to extend below a line running through the mid point of the ear.

Female cadet's hair is to be arranged so as not to fall below the bottom edge of the back of the shirt collar or show below the front of the beret. It is to be retained by a plain, black hair band, black hairnet and black clasps.

Shaving

Male cadets are to be properly shaved. Beards or whiskers are not to be worn except on approved medical or religious grounds.

Cleanliness

The face, ears, neck, hands and fingernails are to be clean. Cadets should not wear make up or nail polish.

Suppliers

Adventure 1

38 Dundas Street

Glasgow

0141 353 3788

www.adventure1.co.uk

Cadet Direct

www.cadetdirect.com

Cadet Kit Shop

www.cadetkitshop.com

Badge Positions on the Brassard Air Training Corps

ALL BRASSARDS TO BE WORN OUTSIDE THE TURNUP ON SHIRTS WHEN ROLLED ABOVE ELBOW
NEVER TO BE WORN WITH CS 95/PCS-MTP

