

## [News story: Thousands of students will benefit from new cadet units backed by £50 million Government plan](#)

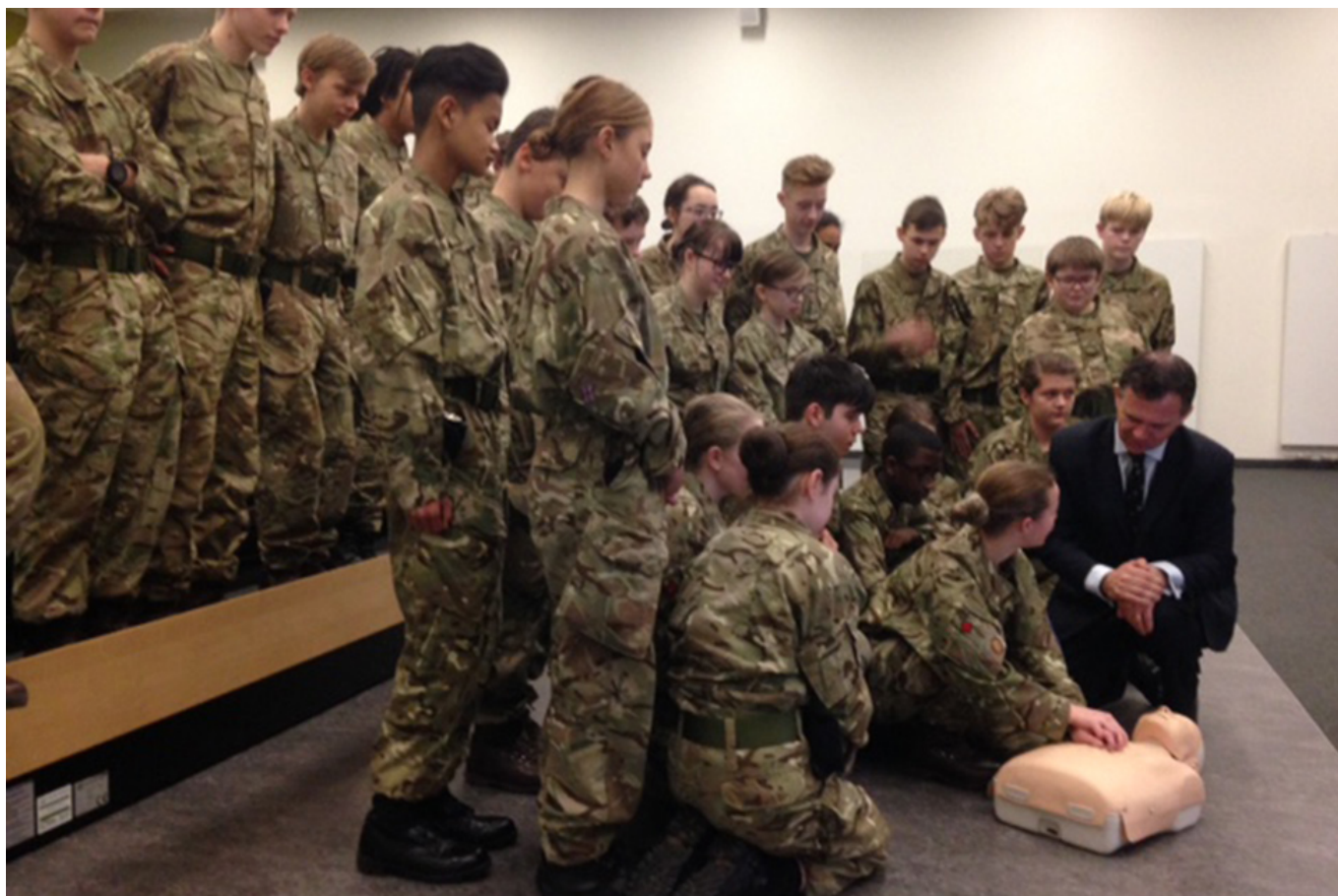
Thousands of students, many often from less prosperous areas, are set to benefit from the development prospects and new skills, such as team-work, problem solving and leadership that school cadet units bring. These will be opened in areas where previously opportunities such as this were limited.

This new wave of cadet units follows an [announcement last year by Defence Secretary Sir Michael Fallon on another 25](#), as the government remains on target to have a total of 500 running in UK schools by 2020. The CEP is backed by £50 million funding from LIBOR fines, which pays for set up costs, the students' uniforms, equipment and training.

Speaking at Brompton Academy today, Defence Minister Mark Lancaster, said:

These new units help deliver on the Government's manifesto commitment that more students should be able to enjoy the rewards of joining the cadets from every background.

Cadet Forces offer a fantastic opportunity for students, providing exciting new opportunities and helping to instil the positive values of citizenship, responsibility and fairness.



Defence Minister Mark Lancaster meets Army Cadets at Brompton Academy as he announces 25 schools to create new cadet units. Crown copyright.

Cadet units, provide challenging and enjoyable activities for students, offering them the opportunity to learn new skills, engage in adventurous activities, and help them gain vocational BTEC qualifications. Schools also recognise the benefits, with a number of Head Teachers saying that having cadets as students improves attendance and classroom behavior and research has shown an increase in academic achievement, self-esteem and self-confidence.

Learn more about the [Cadet Expansion Programme here](#).

The Schools that will be setting up new Cadet units are:

- Ash Manor School- Surrey
- Aston University Engineering Academy- West Midlands
- Barr Beacon School- West Midlands
- Boldon School- Tyne and Wear
- Cookstown High School- County Tyrone, Northern Ireland
- Haberdashers' Aske's Knights Academy- Kent
- Hayesfield Girls School- Somerset
- Isle of Portland Aldridge Community Academy- Dorset
- Knole Academy- Sevenoaks, Kent
- Maxwelltown High School- Lochside Rd, Dumfries
- Northbrook College- West Sussex
- Ron Dearing UTC- Hull
- Shenfield High School- Essex

- Sirius Academy West- Hull
  - St Antony's Catholic College- Greater Manchester
  - The Dean Academy- Gloucestershire
  - The Hawthorne's Free School- Merseyside
  - The International School – West Midlands
  - The John Warner School – Hertfordshire
  - The Phoenix Collegiate- West Midlands
  - The Priory City of Lincoln Academy- Lincolnshire
  - The Priory Ruskin Academy- Lincolnshire
  - The Priory Witham Academy- Lincolnshire
  - The Victory Academy- Kent
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## **Press release: Newcastle man sentenced for illegal waste operation**

A Newcastle man has been handed a suspended prison sentence for running an illegal waste site.

Leonard Sutherland, 77, from Burns Close Pig Farm at Armstrong Street in Callerton, appeared at South East Northumberland Magistrates' Court on Tuesday, 7 February.

It had originally been set for trial, but on his appearance he pleaded guilty to operating a waste site without a permit at Burns Close Pig Farm.

He was sentenced to 10 weeks in prison, suspended for 12 months. He must also clear all waste from the site by 7 April.





## **Significant amount of waste**

On behalf of the Environment Agency, solicitor Simon Crowder told the court that two Environment Officers attended the site on seven different dates between January 2015 and July 2016.

They saw a significant amount of mixed waste on the ground, with new waste noticed on each visit. The waste had been sorted into types, and there was some evidence of burning.

On talking to Sutherland, he said it was someone else who was responsible for putting the waste on his land. This person was spoken to and evidence gathered, but there was no link between his activities and the waste at the site. Sutherland also said he was in poor health.

In March 2015, Sutherland agreed with the Environment Agency that the site would be cleared within two months and waste transfer notes would be provided. The site was not cleared.





The Environment Agency's Andy Rothery, who was involved in the investigation, said after the case:

Sutherland was repeatedly told the waste on his site was illegal and despite being given opportunities to clear it, this didn't happen. Illegal waste activity has a detrimental impact on the community and environment, as well as undermining legitimate businesses.

We'll continue to work hard to ensure enforcement action is taken against those who flout the law.

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## gap wider – Rayner

**Angela**

**Rayner MP, Shadow Education Secretary**, commenting on the Sutton Trust report into the attainment gap between poor pupils and their better-off classmates, said:

“This report should serve as a stark warning to the Government that their plans to re-introduce selection at 11 will only make this attainment gap between disadvantaged children and their peers even wider.

“Their plans to bring back grammar schools are reckless and without evidence. Introducing wholesale selection back into the schools system will only make life more difficult for the most disadvantaged kids.”

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## Injured finless porpoise found, in stable condition

After three days of searching, an injured finless porpoise was finally discovered Thursday afternoon in the Poyang Lake, China’s largest freshwater lake.

Finless porpoise protection volunteers in Jiangxi Province discovered a large fishhook on the back of the endangered animal, using a long-focus lens on Feb. 5, but the the animal disappeared before they could help.

Jiangxi Provincial Fishery Department initiated a search for the animal after being informed by volunteers. Hydrobiology experts from the Chinese Academy of Sciences also joined the search.

Experts said the porpoise seemed to be in stable condition, and are making plans to capture the porpoise to offer it assistance.

Zhan Shupin, a department employee, said it was hard to catch it since it was in a water channel 400 meters wide and 20 meters deep.

Rarer than China’s giant panda, the finless porpoise is a mammal similar to the dolphin, and now teeters on the brink of extinction, with a population of around 1,000. About 450 live in the Poyang Lake.

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# Research and analysis: Employment status review (2015)

This report was commissioned under the Coalition government and submitted to the Minister for Employment Relations in March 2015. The data in the report was updated in December 2015.

We are placing this report in the public domain in the interests of transparency and to help inform [Matthew Taylor's review of modern employment practices](#). The Taylor Review will consider this document as part of a wider range of evidence.