

# Captain Trotman's Cadets



NOTTINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL

# 1513-2013

BALLS, BOOTS AND PLAYERS

## Nottingham High School Cadet Corps 1900—2012

- 1900 School Cadet Corps
- 1908 Officer Training Corps (OTC)
- 1940 Junior Training Corps (JTC)
- 1941 Air Training Corps (ATC)
- 1948 Combined Cadet Force (CCF)
- 1955 Royal Navy Section

Current contingent 176 pupils

Following the deaths of four former pupils in the Boer War, and inspired by the patriotic feelings stirred up by the Relief of Kimberley, Ladysmith and of Mafeking, a motion was brought forward at Nottingham High School 6th Form Debating Society, in February 1900, to consider the formation of a company of the 'Robin Hoods' within the School. The Headmaster and Governors gave their hearty support to the formation of an Officer Training Corps. By the beginning of the summer term, 87 of the 370 boys at the school had enrolled in the new corps.



Officer Training Corps, 1909

Wearing the same colour uniforms as the Robin Hood Rifles there was, for many years, a close relationship with the Regiment, from whom instruction and firearms' training were provided. Despite the Governors initially granting each Corps member 5/- [25p] towards the cost of the uniform, by the following year the Corps had overspent by £98.15.0. [£98.75]. Additional unforeseen expenses, such as the claim for compensation of £20 for a boy accidentally shot in the leg whilst under instruction in 1903, continued to be met by the School.



An early cadet

Former cadets and school staff played their part in full in two world wars as the striking war memorial in front of the School attests. Affiliated to the Sherwood Foresters, South Notts Hussars, the Leicestershire regiment and latterly the 2nd Battalion Mercian Regiment, the Combined Cadet Force continues to produce officer material for all three forces and the school has been represented in every armed conflict involving UK forces for over a 100 years.



Junior Training Corps Band, 1947



### Old Nottinghamian Albert Ball VC

ON 1907-1909

Albert joined up to fight in WWI shortly before his eighteenth birthday. He acquired his 'wings' in the Royal Flying Corps and was posted to France in 1916, where he was awarded the Military Cross for bravery. He later received three Distinguished Service Orders. He was shot down and killed in May 1917.



Off to Camp, 1937

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