



## ARMED FORCES PARLIAMENTARY SCHEME COURSE NOTES

Uniform will be issued and used at all times when an overnight stay is involved. Special Badges of rank are to be purchased to avoid any misunderstanding over the level of seniority to be accorded to participants. Members are required to take a sabbatical of at least one year before commencing on another level.

### **Basic Course** (Lt Commander/Major/Squadron Leader) [22 days]

The Basic Course is primarily a Single Service package which begins with a two-day introduction to Defence at Shrivenham. The remaining course requires members to spend a minimum of 20 days with their choice of Service. Events include:

A 5 day visit to be embedded in a Unit (Ship/Regiment/Station)

An opportunity to visit:

A Unit on Exercise and/or on Operations

A Recruit Training Establishment

A Single Service Headquarters

### **Post-Graduate Course** (Commander/Lt Colonel/Wing Commander) [20 days]

This is a Single Service package of 10 days similar to that on a Basic Course but pitched at a level commensurate with the higher rank, followed by a further 10 days at a staff level with their original service.

### **Advanced Post-Graduate Course** (Captain RN/Colonel/Group Captain) [20 days]

A Joint package of 10 days aimed to widen members experience across Defence, to reaffirm bonding with their chosen Single Service but followed by the important experience they need to have of other Services prior to acceptance at RCDS. Events include:

To serve with another Service's Basic course

Joint activity such as:

Visiting the Front Line Commands

Single Service event weeks (Capability demonstrations)

### **Further Adv Post-Graduate Course**(Commodore/Brigadier/Air Commodore) [20 days]

Members are embedded with the senior leadership course within Defence where they will be incorporated within the Royal College of Defence Studies. This allows members the opportunity to receive and input into the higher level of Defence management issues, by attending at least 20 half-day lectures and further attachments with service personnel of up to 10 days.