

Dear Parent/Carer,

8<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Re: **Joining CCF**

## COMBINED CADET FORCE (CCF)



Since September 2016, we have been operating a CCF army section independently at Montsaye Academy. Our experience confirms our belief that a CCF is a valuable addition to our school offer and we now know that it indeed, provides some significant benefits and opportunities for some of our students.

Any student joining the CCF is making a commitment to attend every weekly session (known as parades) and to give their best efforts at all times. The CCF is an MOD sponsored youth organisation with a military ethos. Cadets may develop powers of leadership by means of training to promote the qualities of responsibility, self-reliance, resourcefulness, endurance and perseverance. There is little point in students joining the CCF if they do not enjoy partaking in mentally and physically challenging activities both inside and outdoors.

As you will appreciate, the level of commitment required is not to be underestimated. Alongside the weekly parades, there will be up to 3 'field-weekends' across the year and a week-long annual camp at a military training camp in the UK, usually in July. There may also be other training activities, competitions and opportunities offered throughout the year. Parades take place on Thursday afternoons between 3.00pm and 5.00pm. For some parents/carers, this may mean that there is a requirement for a lift home after school.

During their first year, cadets will follow a structured syllabus of activities including drill, turnout and military knowledge/skills, an introduction to weapon handling, first aid and basic fieldcraft. Underpinning the delivery of these subject areas are the continued exposure to and training in 'soft-skills' such as responsibility, leadership and teamwork.

On joining the CCF, a uniform will be issued, on loan and must be returned when the cadet leaves the CCF. The only items of specialist personal kit that cadets are required to provide are their boots. We expect to be able to source boots on behalf of cadets at an anticipated cost of £25.00. All other items are provided without charge.

Please complete the slip below to register your child's interest in becoming a cadet. The slip should be returned to the Resources Department, which can be found opposite the Learning Resource Centre.

Yours faithfully

M Chattaway  
School Staff Instructor

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**My child, .....(name), .....(form) is interested in becoming a member of the CCF at Montsaye Academy**

**Parent Name: ..... Signature: .....**

**Please return to the Resources Department (opposite the Learning Resource Centre)**

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