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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Arnold Hill Academy Combined Cadet Force (CCF) – Year 9 Intake Joining Information

This letter aims to provide a basic overview of the CCF within Arnold Hill Academy.

Although run internally, the CCF is sponsored by the Ministry of Defence with many of our resources and activities being provided through them. The CCF Charter outlines the broad function of the Combined Cadet Force, which is to “provide a disciplined organisation within a school so that boys and girls may develop powers of leadership by means of training to promote the qualities of responsibility, self-reliance, resourcefulness, endurance and perseverance, and a sense of service to the community.”

At this point, the AHA Contingent has an Army section, which will follow their own individual training programme that provides progressive, challenging and rewarding opportunities for students to develop themselves alongside our more experienced cadets. CCF Sessions will be held on Wednesdays at Arnold Hill Academy running from 3.30pm to 5.10pm. Cadets will come to school in their issued uniform and remain in it through the day.

The Army Section, currently affiliated with the Royal Horse Artillery, provides training in field craft, weapons handling, navigation, first aid and initiative through a challenging programme that seeks to develop and grow Cadets from day one. The evening sessions cover a wide range of activities including drill, weapon handling, navigation and first aid in the first year.

The theme of leadership runs through every aspect of Contingent life with each section gearing their training programme towards leadership development in the later stages, allowing students to become the instructors for those who follow on from them. Officers from the school along with a specialist member of the cadet training team from the Army provide the bulk of the instruction to students in lower years and provide motivational, disciplined and engaging sessions based around first-hand experience of Cadet training.

Over the year, Cadets attend a number of field days, some of which are residential, in which Sections engage in training that is not possible during Wednesday evenings. They also have the option to attend the Annual Camp which usually takes place during the summer term. Cadets are also able to take up the offer of numerous optional courses outside of the regular Wednesday evenings. These courses are usually provided through the MoD and cover leadership, navigation and adventurous training.

Arnold Hill Academy is part of the Trent Academies Group.

The registered office is Trent Academies Group, Rushcliffe School, Boundary Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham NG2 7BW
The company's registered number is 8128513



Once your son/daughter has been selected to participate in the CCF they will begin a period of Recruit Training in which Cadets are given grounding in the skills and knowledge of basic skills. Following successful completion of this period of training the Cadets will graduate from 'Cadet Recruits' to 'Cadets'.

Joining the CCF will usually require a subscription of £35. The first pair of Boots is the only extra bit of kit the cadets need to purchase but we can source these at a significant discount if you'd prefer for £20. If not purchasing boots through the Academy please check with a member of CCF staff to ensure the intended purchase is suitable.

We are holding open sessions for any interested year 9 student to attend and experience to allow them to get a taste of the type CCF before having to make the subscription payment. These will be held each Wednesday 3:30-5pm through November. Also on the 24th October we are holding a CCF open evening run by our cadets for all staff and parents to attend to find out more about the CCF and the activities our cadets take part in. Please come along to A Block Hall at 3:40pm and join us for tea and biscuits.

Please complete the permission slip attached if you would like your son/daughter to attend these open sessions.

Yours faithfully

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Arnold Hill Academy Combined Cadet Force

Name of Potential Cadet: _____ Form: _____

I give permission for my son/daughter to attend the CCF taster sessions.

Please indicate here if they have an allergy to face paints. YES NO

Please note any medical or significant information that staff should be made aware of for the session:

Signed: _____ (person having parental responsibility)

Print Name: _____

Date: _____