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Dear Parent/Carer

Arnold Hill Academy Combined Cadet Force (CCF) – Year 8 and Year 9 Taster Session 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.” If joining the CCF students will not be signing up to become part of the regular forces and students do not have to wear the cadet uniform during the normal school day if they do not wish to.

At this point, the AHA Contingent has an Army section, which will follow a 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 Tuesday at Arnold Hill Academy running from 3.05pm to 4.20pm.

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 themes of leadership and teamwork run 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 Tuesday 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 Tuesday evenings. These courses are usually provided through the MoD and cover leadership, navigation and adventurous training.

Once your child 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 ‘Basic Cadets’.

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The initial cost to join the cadets will be £35; this includes all badges, uniform and boots. We will request this payment via SCOPAY in September 2021. If your child is eligible for Pupil Premium funding you may be able to use the personal allocation to make this payment by sending an email to finance@arnoldhillacademy.co.uk **There is no requirement to pay while the students are in the trial period.**

We are holding free open sessions for any interested year 9 and year 8 student to attend and experience to allow them to get a taste of the CCF. These sessions will be held on Tuesday 29th June and 13th and 20th of July from 3:05pm to 4:20pm.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'AC', is positioned above the printed name.

Andrew Craze
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