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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Arnold Hill Academy Combined Cadet Force (CCF) – Year 8 Intake Joining Information

Your son/daughter has expressed an interest in joining the AHA CCF, this letter aims to provide a basic overview of the CCF within Arnold Hill Academy and how we will work with the Nottingham High School CCF in the coming months running as an independent unit from September 2017.

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 year 9 cadets who have been working with Nottingham High School since January. CCF Sessions will be held on Wednesdays at Arnold Hill Academy running from 3.30pm to 5.30pm. Cadets will come to school in their issued uniform and remain in it through the day.

The Army Section, currently affiliated with the Mercian Regiment, provides training in field craft, weapons handling, navigation 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.

Arnold Hill Academy is part of the Trent Academies Group.

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The company's registered number is 8128513



Over the year, Cadets must 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.

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 £55. Once a Cadet has joined, s/he will be given a uniform the value of which is in excess of £150. This uniform is signed for by, and becomes the responsibility of, each Cadet and must be returned upon leaving the CCF otherwise they will be charged for its loss. The uniform provided does not include boots, which Cadets will be required to purchase themselves. The first pair of Boots is included in the subscription price. 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 an open evening session for any interested year 8 students to attend and experience a typical evening session. It will be held on Tuesday 4th July 2017 between 3:30pm and 4:30pm. There is an opportunity for parents to come along at the end of this session and ask any questions that you may have about the CCF at Arnold Hill and staff will be available to help. Please complete the permission slip attached if you would like your son/daughter to attend this session.

Yours faithfully



Andrew Craze
Assistant Head Teacher, Contingent Commander
Arnold Hill Academy Combined Cadet Force

Name of Potential Cadet: _____ Form: _____

I give permission for my son/daughter to attend the CCF taster session on Tuesday 4th July 2017.

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

The Cadet Forces frequently take photographs/videos of Cadets taking part in Cadet related activities. These images may appear in newsletters, press, publications, promotional videos and Cadet websites in order to promote the Cadet Forces. Cadets, whose images appear in promotional material, will not be identified. I consent to the above named Cadet's images being used to promote the CCF. YES NO

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

Signed: _____ (person having parental responsibility)

Print Name: _____

Date: _____