

5th April 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

Your child has expressed a wish to be put forward for selection for the Brooke Weston Trust Combined Cadet Force (Army). Application does not guarantee an offer of a place as the selection process is rigorous. However, before your child begins the selection process for the CCF(A) the first mandatory selection criterion is Parent/Carer consent. As such we require you to complete the consent form at the end of this letter and return to the CCF(A) Representative Officer, Mrs H Wright at Corby Technical School. Consent forms (found on reverse side of this letter) must be returned by Wednesday 24th April 2019.

Any student joining the CCF (A) is making a commitment to attend every Wednesday CCF(A) session (known as parades) and to give their best, whatever the weather. The CCF is a youth organisation with a military ethos so that cadets may develop powers of leadership by means of training to promote the qualities of responsibility, self-reliance, resourcefulness, endurance and perseverance. Students joining the CCF(A) are expected to partake 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 Wednesday parades there will typically be up to 3 'field-weekends' across the year and a week camp at the end of the year at military training areas in the UK.

Students enrolled as Cadets on the CCF(A) programme will be withdrawn from regular lessons on Wednesday afternoons with their curriculum time being replaced by CCF(A) parade, as such, one of the fundamental criteria for selection is that the student must have a secure academic profile. Each application will be considered by the respective students Principal. The Principal (or delegated Vice-Principal) will review the application against the current academic performance of the applicant. Principal approval of an application is therefore the second mandatory selection criteria. Approval on academic grounds is at the sole discretion of the Principal.

Following successful completion of the selection process, a maximum of thirty students will be offered a "Cadetship" and invited to join the CCF (A) as "First Year Cadets", with their Cadetship starting at the beginning of September 2019. Students accepting the invitation to join do so acknowledging that they are required to commit to completing the programme, which will finish at the end of Year 11. On completion of that programme, should Cadets wish to continue their involvement into 6th Form they may do so, subject to further assessment criteria.

For the first year of the CCF (A) programme, parades will take place on Wednesday afternoons. During their first year, Cadets will follow a structured carousel of activities including drill, turnout and military knowledge, 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 (A) or their school. The only items of specialist personal kit that Cadets are required to provide are their boots. We expect to be able to source uniform boots on behalf of Cadets at an anticipated cost of £40. As part of the Cadet programme includes 'turnout' Cadets will be required to launder and prepare their own uniform.

Should you wish your child to apply to undertake selection for the Brooke Weston Trust CCF(A) then your support will be a critical element in their success. Following the first round of selection, we will invite all parents/carers alongside their child to an information evening where further details about the selection process and the CCF(A) programme will be provided.

We trust we can rely on your support both for your child and for the establishment of the Combined Cadet Force at Brooke Weston Trust.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs A Reynolds
Principal

Brooke Weston Trust: Combined Cadet Force (Army).

Name of School: _____

Name of Student: _____

I/We hereby grant full approval for the above named student to apply and consent for them to undertake selection for the Combined Cadet Force (Army) with Brooke Weston Trust.

Signed: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____