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Dear Parents / Carers

RE: THE COMBINED CADET FORCE (CCF) AT THE GATEWAY ACADEMY

I am writing to provide you with an update regarding the Combined Cadet Force (CCF) based at The Gateway Academy. This letter follows on from my previous correspondence in February 2025 and includes further details about the CCF and its scheduled launch in September 2025.

I am pleased to confirm that the CCF contingent will officially begin at the Academy in the second week of the Autumn term, commencing on Thursday 11 September 2025, from 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm. Sessions will then take place at the same time every Thursday throughout the academic year.

All cadets will be required to attend in full uniform, which will be issued to them on the above date. This uniform remains the property of the Ministry of Defence and **must be** returned at the end of the Cadet's service. There is an annual non-refundable £10.00 cost on joining which covers insurance fees as well as the cost of equipment and resources. This can be paid via Parent Pay.

The CCF operates as a non-profit organisation and is committed to being inclusive and accessible to all students. While trips and activities throughout the training year may involve individual costs, these are subsidised wherever possible. A maximum daily charge of £15.00 will apply – for instance, a three-day trip would cost no more than £45.00. It is expected that a small number of weekend excursions will take place during the school year, in addition to a planned seven-day annual camp scheduled for July 2026.

If you have any questions regarding the CCF, or if you have any concerns about the associated costs, please do not hesitate to get in touch. You can contact me by telephone on 01375 489000 or via email at mark.thomas@theglc.org.uk. Alternatively, you may wish to contact my colleague, Michael O'Donoghue, at michael.odonoghue@theglc.org.uk. For further information about the Combined Cadet Force, please visit: <https://combinedcadetforce.org.uk>.

Yours sincerely

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ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL / CONTINGENT COMMANDER

