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12 September 2025

Dear Parents / Carers

RE: COMBINED CADET FORCE (CCF): CAMP

FRIDAY 10^h – SUNDAY 12^h OCTOBER 2025, THRIFTWOOD SCOUT CENTRE, BRENTWOOD

I am writing to you to give an update in respect of the Combined Cadet Force (CCF) based at The Gateway Academy. Yesterday we successfully launched the contingent and all the cadets were issued with their uniforms. The expectation is that they will now wear them every Thursday at school and the subsequent parade after school which will run from **3.00 pm- 4:30 pm**.

I would also like to inform you about an upcoming camp trip which will take place at Thriftwood Scout Centre, Brentwood, from Friday 10 October to Sunday 12 October 2025 (<http://www.thriftwood.org.uk/>).

Students are required to wear their Army uniform to school on the Friday 10 October and parents/carers may wish to assist their child with bringing in any additional equipment. Arrangements will be made to secure students' bags and school items at school, to be collected upon their return to the Academy on Sunday 12 October 2025.

Please note that students attending the camp will finish their lessons after Period 4, at 12:15 pm, after which they should report to the Cadet Room before departure.

Across the weekend, cadets will take part in a range of planned activities and skills sessions. Meals, all necessary camping equipment and transport to and from the Academy will be provided. Cadets are expected to return to the Academy at approximately 1:30 pm on Sunday 12 October 2025, depending on traffic conditions. Parents/carers are kindly asked to ensure that alternative arrangements are in place for your child's journey home from the Academy on this day.

The cost of the weekend is £20.00 per cadet. To secure your child's place, payment may be made via ParentPay or in cash, which should be handed directly to the CCF instructors.

I am confident you will agree that this is a fantastic opportunity for your child. To confirm their participation in this planned camp, please could I ask that you complete the Google Form herewith: <https://forms.gle/GzH3y2CWgZcdx1gy7>. Please note, you do not need a Google account to fill in the form, although you may need to copy and paste the link into Google Chrome. Kindly ensure the Google Form is completed and submitted by **Friday 03 October 2025**. Students without a completed consent form will be unable to participate in this trip and will be expected to attend their usual lessons on this day. Should you have any questions or require further information, please feel free to contact me on 01375 489000 or via email at mark.thomas@theglc.org.uk or my colleague, Michael O'Donoghue at michael.odonoghue@theglc.org.uk. Alternatively, please visit: <https://combinedcadetforce.org.uk/>.

Yours faithfully

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