



MTS/JJA

16 January 2026

Dear Parents / Carers

**COMBINED CADET FORCE (CCF): AIR RIFLE TRAINING DAY
SUNDAY 15 MARCH 2026, 08:30- 1600 AT THE GATEWAY ACADEMY**

I am writing to provide an update regarding the Combined Cadet Force (CCF) at The Gateway Academy and to inform you of an upcoming event taking place on Sunday 15 March 2026.

As previously announced on parade, an Air Rifle Training Day will be held on Sunday 15 March 2026. Cadets will receive formal instruction followed by a supervised shooting session. Training will be delivered by Army personnel and participation will be limited to 20 cadets, allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Cadets are required to attend in Army uniform. The activity will run from 08:30 to 16:00. Please note that lunch **will not** be provided, so cadets must bring their own food and drink and alternative travel arrangements will be required for your child's journey home at the end of the day. There is no cost associated with this activity.

I am confident you will agree this is an excellent opportunity for your child. To confirm their participation, please complete the Google Form using the following link: <https://forms.gle/zhifVH25cVCXLf7WA>. A Google account is not required; however, you may need to copy and paste the link into Google Chrome. Please ensure the form is completed and submitted by **Friday 27 February 2026**. Students without a completed consent form will be unable to participate in this training.

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact me on telephone number 01375 489000 or via email at mark.thomas@theglc.org.uk. You may also contact my colleague, Michael O'Donoghue, at michael.odonoghue@theglc.org.uk. Further information is also available at <https://combinedcadetforce.org.uk/>.

Yours faithfully

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