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27 March 2026

Dear Parents / Carers

**RE: COMBINED CADET FORCE (CCF): CAMP
THURSDAY 16 to SATURDAY 18 APRIL 2026 BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE**

I am writing regarding the upcoming CCF camp at YHA Hartington Hall, Hall Bank, Hartington, Buxton, SK17 0AT, taking place from Thursday 16 April to Saturday 18 April 2026. Further information can be found here: [Lost Earth Adventures](#).

Key details:

- **Departure:** 8:00 am from The Gateway Academy on Thursday 16 April 2026. Cadets should be appropriately dressed in comfortable plain clothes and in addition they are **to bring their 'Gateway Academy CCF T shirt'**. Parents/carers may assist with additional equipment as needed.
- **Activities:** Cadets will participate in a variety of planned skills sessions and activities over the three days.
- **Provision:** All meals will be provided **except lunch on the first day of travel** (Thursday 16 April 2026). Please, therefore, ensure your child is provided with lunch and / or the money to purchase food as there will be an opportunity to buy something on route to the destination. Camping equipment and transport to and from the Academy are included.
- **Return:** Approximately 5:30 pm, on Saturday 18 April 2026. Please ensure alternative arrangements are in place for your child's journey home from the Academy.
- **Kit List:** Please see the attached kit list (Annexe A). It is essential that every child comes with the necessary clothing and equipment for the duration of the trip. **Owing to limited space each cadet is permitted to bring 1 large bag and 1 day sack only.**

I am confident you will agree that this is a fantastic opportunity for your child.

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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ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL / CONTINGENT COMMANDER

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Chief Executive Officer: Viki Reid.

The GLC is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff, volunteers and visitors to share this commitment.



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ANNEX A

Kit List -Peak District Adventure Training Thursday 16 to Saturday 18 April 2026

Please find below a detailed list of the essential kit that cadets are required to bring with them for this trip. Bringing the correct equipment will help ensure they are fully prepared, comfortable and able to take part in all planned activities.

- Cadet uniform and spare uniform (please let me know if your daughter/son is missing any uniform).
- 4 sets of underwear.
- 1 nightwear set.
- Warm jumper/issued hoodies.
- Small wash kit (include toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant (not aerosol) flannel, small bar of soap, small hand towel, comb/hairbrush).
- Cadet boots.
- A pack of cheap makeup/wet wipes (the expensive make up/wet wipes do not work well on cam cream).
- Warm coat/ jacket/ hat.
- Sun screen.
- **Water bottle (important).**
- Insect repellent.
- In a separate bag 1 complete set of civilian clothes, including trainers/walking shoes and waterproof jacket, shampoo, shower gel and towel. This will be needed for the activities

Kit List Climbing and abseiling

- Suitable strong footwear such as trainers, hiking boots or approach shoes.

Kit List Caving

Please be aware any clothing worn in the cave will likely end up wet and muddy! The cave environment can be quite cool, so we recommend wearing several layers.

- 3 or 4 warm layers for the upper body (i.e. thermal base layer, sweat shirt and fleece top).
- Warm trousers (cargo or walking trousers and thermal long-johns if you have them no denim).
- Thin warm hat, balaclava or buff (optional, must safely fit under the helmet).
- We provide wellington boots; however, you can bring your own or walking boots.
- Gloves; either thick rubber, neoprene or gardening style gloves if it is a colder time of the year.
- Clothes to change into after your caving session.
- Towel – LARGE.

Kit List Gorge Walking

We will provide a wetsuit for you; however, you are welcome to bring your own if you prefer.

- Comfortable and warm clothes to change into after the activity.
- Waterproof jacket.
- Old boots or trainers you do not mind getting wet (must be closed toe and sturdy). Footwear **MUST** be secure to your feet and protective. No thin plimsoll trainers, water shoes or neoprene wetsuit shoes/boots, they do not offer appropriate protection.
- Swimwear to wear under the wetsuit.
- If you wish to wear something under the wetsuit, please make sure it is not cotton (rash vest, technical hiking 'T' shirt or similar).
- Towel – LARGE.
- Pair of shorts or old trousers to wear over the wetsuit to protect it.