



MTS/JJA

24 April 2026

Dear Parents / Carers

**RE: L98 RIFLE TRAINING AND WEAPONS HANDLING TEST WHT MERVILLE BARRACKS, COLCHESTER - WEDNESDAY 27 AND THURSDAY 28 MAY 2026**

I am writing regarding the upcoming cadet training referenced above.

This training is for the entire CCF contingent and forms a key part of preparation for Summer Camp. Successful completion of the Weapons Handling Test (WHT) is a requirement for cadets to participate in shooting activities at camp. It is, therefore, **essential** that all cadets attend.

Please note that the dates below are revised and replace those provided in my previous correspondence dated 11 March 2026.

**Key Details:**

- **Dates and Departure:** on both Wednesday 27 May 2026 **and** Thursday 28 May 2026, cadets must arrive at The Gateway Academy by 08:30 in full Army uniform.
- **Training:** Instruction and assessment on the L98 rifle will take place over both days.
- **Food:** Meals are not provided. Food can be purchased on-site; however, cadets should bring a packed lunch, water or sufficient money to buy food.
- **Return:** Approximately 16:30 each day. Please ensure appropriate arrangements are in place for your child's journey home.
- **Cost:** There is no cost to cadets for this activity.

I am confident you will agree that this is a fantastic opportunity for your child. To confirm your child's participation in this planned camp, please could I ask that you complete the Google Form herewith: <https://forms.gle/4e996DVaVdom6jkU8>. 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 **Wednesday 20 May 2026**. Students without a completed consent form will be unable to participate in this trip.

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](mailto:mark.thomas@theglc.org.uk) or my colleague, Michael O'Donoghue at [michael.odonoghue@theglc.org.uk](mailto:michael.odonoghue@theglc.org.uk). Alternatively, please visit: <https://combinedcadetforce.org.uk/>.

Yours sincerely

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