

Tunbridge Wells Girls' Grammar School Combined Cadet Force

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Supplemental to the other letter you will have received from Captain Naismith relating to your daughter's potential participation in our Year 9 CCF programme, I am writing to ask you for your help. As mentioned in that letter, we are looking to incorporate the bronze Duke of Edinburgh award into our Year 9 programme with cadets gaining their bronze award by July 2019. Many of the skills your daughter will learn in CCF such as first aid, field craft (camouflage, movement in the field, cooking, shelter building etc.), navigation, signals, shooting, drill, fitness and other activities can count towards the Duke of Edinburgh award which makes it prudent for it to sit alongside the cadet programme.

We are ambitiously hoping to start the programme this year and need a good wind to achieve this. A key ingredient is parental support and we will require supervisors and assessors to assist with the programme. We do not have the resources to run this without the help of parents/guardians. You will need to be willing to undergo a DBS check as well as training in the role that we would be looking to conduct potentially on **17th and 18th November** at Sackville School in Tonbridge. No experience necessary! However, if you cannot make that date then please still drop me a line as we are looking at other dates including onsite at school. We would potentially require help on some Monday afternoons and/or on some weekends from November onwards. Getting courses has been difficult and, even with that fair wind, running the programme this year is quite ambitious but something we are keen to do.

We anticipate the cost of the programme for participants, in addition to the fee for CCFs, to be approximately £70 but this is to be confirmed. We will cover the cost of your training. The cadet programme will start in January whilst those wishing to undertake Duke of Edinburgh may start earlier.

Our intention is to initially establish interest in this and, if there is, to look to progress it with an initial meeting to cover any queries and tell you a bit more about it. In the first instance can you email me on the details below.

I'm sure you'll agree that if the girls can finish year 9 with the bronze award coupled with the wealth of experience that CCF offers, it will be a rewarding year for them.

Many thanks in advance.

Yours sincerely

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