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Dear Year 9 Pupils and Parents

**I am writing to let you know about an exciting opportunity that will be opening up to you as a Year 10 pupil at Lynn Grove Academy. We would like to offer you the chance to join the Combined Cadet Force (CCF).**

The Combined Cadet Force (CCF) is a unique educational partnership that operates across the UK. Through a range of military themed activities, you will have the opportunity to take responsibility, to develop skills such as leadership, self-reliance, resourcefulness, endurance and perseverance. The programme links in with elements of the British Army, the Royal Navy, Royal Marines or the Royal Air Force. The skills developed by the young people who join the CCF are a fantastic preparation for a wide range of future study and careers. It is not just for those people considering a career in the military. Being a member of the CCF is great for your CV but more important, its great fun.

This year we will be working in partnership with East Norfolk Sixth Form College, who are one of the first colleges in the UK to establish their own CCF. It is the only school or college on the East coast that has such an establishment. Year 10 pupils will be able to enrol as cadets with the East Norfolk CCF, becoming a full and active member of the contingent.

The EN CCF will have an Army focus initially, although it is looking to expand into the other services as the contingent becomes established.

All regular training will take place at the East Norfolk Sixth Form campus, and this will take place on a Thursday evening from 3pm to 5pm. We will make our way to the college as a group, changing into uniform once we arrive. Weekly parade will include training in marksmanship and live weapon safety, fieldcraft, first aid, drill and expeditions. You will learn how to survive in the field, how to work as part of a team and a whole range of leadership skills. The college also has access to local private woodland that will be used some weeks for fieldcraft and maneuvers.

Outside of regular training there are also weekend and annual camps where you will be able to explore a much wider range of opportunities, including rock climbing, canoeing, night time exercises and live range firing.

All equipment and uniform will be provided except boots, which usually cost around £50, although there may be some support available for this. There will be a charge for the camps, although this is kept as low as possible. The termly subscription fee to cover basic cost is £15 and again we would not want the termly fee to be a barrier so if that could be a problem please let us know.

This is an amazing opportunity to get involved in a fantastic scheme, with huge opportunities for personal development. If you continue with the CCF and progress on to East Norfolk after Year 11 you will also be able to undertake formal leadership training and become part of the delivery team, teaching younger cadets from Lynn Grove and attaining higher ranks at



the same time. Once you are 17 you will be able to apply and undertake adventurous training in activities like climbing, mountaineering, canoeing and mountain biking.

Although the CCF is a youth organisation it does have a distinct military ethos. This means you will be expected to have the highest standards of behaviour when participating in cadet activities and wearing the uniform.

**We expect this opportunity to be very popular and so we would like an initial expression of interest by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August. Please could you indicate your interest by filling in the form [here](#). We will of course need you to discuss this opportunity with your parents and for you to get their consent.**

Yours faithfully

Alison Mobbs  
Principal