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Dear Parents/Carers of Year 7 and Year 8,

I am writing to introduce the Penistone Grammar School Combined Cadet Force (PGS CCF) and to invite your child to consider joining this exciting and rewarding opportunity.

What is the CCF?

The Combined Cadet Force is a youth organisation based in schools, supported by the Armed Forces, which aims to develop confidence, leadership, teamwork, resilience and responsibility in young people. At PGS, our CCF is linked to the Royal Signals, meaning cadets will take part in activities focused on communication, fieldcraft, and technology, alongside a wide range of outdoor and adventurous training.

What will cadets do?

Cadets at PGS CCF will:

- Parade once a week after school under the leadership of school staff and Army support
- Take part in practical training, including teamwork challenges, navigation, and outdoor skills
- Attend at least four weekend training camps each year, plus a 7-day Annual Camp
- Have opportunities to gain qualifications and promote within the organisation

Benefits of joining:

Participation in CCF offers students:

- Increased confidence and self-discipline
- Development of leadership and communication skills
- Opportunities to form strong friendships and work as part of a team
- Access to adventure training, camps, and unique experiences not typically available in school
- A strong addition to future college, apprenticeship or job applications.

Costs

- £30 per term (subscription)
- £20 per weekend camp (approximately 2.5 days)



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We are pleased to confirm that students eligible for Pupil Premium funding will have all CCF costs covered by the school, ensuring that the opportunity is accessible to all.

How to apply:

To apply, please ensure that the attached application form is fully completed and returned.

Over the last few years, the CCF has been highly oversubscribed, with approximately three applicants for every available place, so we encourage applicants to take time and care when completing their forms.

Link to application form -> [PGS CCF - September 2026/2027 – Fill in form](#)

The deadline for applications is Friday 12th July. Please note that applications received after this date will not be considered.

Why join?

The PGS CCF is a fantastic opportunity for students to challenge themselves, learn new skills, and grow in confidence while enjoying a wide range of memorable experiences outside the classroom.

If you would like further information, please contact the school.

Yours faithfully,

Capt J Wetherall

PGS CCF Contingent Commander