



# Penistone Grammar School

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Ref: JWE/CWA

Date: 16 September 2025

Dear Parent/Carer of STUDENT FULLNAME

I'm writing to share the exciting plans for our upcoming CCF weekend, **Exercise Junior Start (Ex JS)**. This multi-venue event offers each troop a unique and enriching experience, tailored to their stage in the cadet programme.

### Key Information:

- **Date:** Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October
- **Cost:** £25.00 per cadet
- **Deadline for Payment & Consent:** Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September
- **Please note:** Attendance is dependent on subs being up to date. Due to commitments around catering and transport, the fee is **non-refundable**.
- **School Phone Number 07547 213151**

### A-Troop – Basic Training Weekend

A-Troop will take part in a foundational training experience, learning essential cadet skills such as:

- Cooking in the field
- Camouflage and concealment
- Sleeping under a military basha

Cadets will also be issued their full CCF kit and uniform, returning home on Sunday fully equipped.

**Timings:** Friday 1500hrs – Sunday 1200hrs

**Important:** This is a key weekend for A-Troop. Missing it may delay a cadet's progress, as they will miss both their uniform issue and the core skills that underpin our CCF programme.

### B-Troop – Navigation Weekend

B-Troop will undertake a navigation challenge, covering over 20km in small groups.

They'll be based at school in tents but will spend most of the weekend navigating outdoors.

This is excellent preparation for the Bronze DofE expedition later in the year.

**Timings:** Friday 1500hrs – Sunday 1200hrs

### C-Troop – Barnslian Patrol Competition

For the first time, C-Troop will compete against other cadet units from Barnsley at **CMADE Outdoors, Silkstone**.

Events include:

- First Aid
- Fieldcraft
- Navigation
- Other CCF challenges

The goal: to bring home the inaugural **Barnslian Patrol Trophy!**

Cadets will be based at school and travel to Silkstone on Saturday.

Feeding is via ORP, but thanks to sponsorship from Barnsley Council, cadets will receive a catered evening meal at CMADE.



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**Accommodation:** Both nights at PGS

**Timings:** Friday 1500hrs – Sunday 1200hrs

### **D-Troop – Ex Merlin Manoeuvre (Brigade-Level Competition)**

Ten cadets from D-Troop will represent us at **Catterick Training Area** in a high-level tactical patrol competition.

This includes:

- A 4km patrol
- Live and blank firing exercises

This marks a major milestone in our CCF development, and we're incredibly proud of their achievement.

**Timings:** Friday 1500hrs – Sunday approx. 1500hrs

We will send a text with a more accurate ETA on Sunday. Please be available for pickup from 1200hrs in case of early departure.

If you have any questions or need further details, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

### **Kit Lists for Exercise Junior Start**

A full kit list for each troop will be posted on the **PGS CCF Teams channel** one week prior to the event. Our team is currently finalising the details, so thank you for your patience as we complete the planning.

For our returning cadets, the kit requirements will be very similar to previous **Adventure Training (AT)** or **'Green' weekends**, so there shouldn't be any major surprises.

Thanks

Lt Jason Wetherall  
OC PGS CCF

**Nuts are not allowed on the trip, including peanut butter and in chocolate.**

### **Behaviour**

Students are expected to behave in an exemplary manner as ambassadors of the school. Students will need to follow instructions from staff. Should the conduct of a student in the lead up to, or during the visit, be deemed either unacceptable or likely to put the health, wellbeing, safety and/or enjoyment of other students on the trip at risk, the Principal reserves the right to withdraw that student's place from the visit, or they may be returned home prior to the end of the visit. All school policies will be in place during the visit. Road safety will be taken very seriously.

### **Consent**

Please provide consent via parent pay, On giving consent you are agreeing to your child taking part in the above activity and have read the information provided agreeing to his/her participation in the activities



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described. You are also agreeing to your child receiving any emergency medical treatment that may be deemed necessary. If there are any exceptions to this, please provide us with the necessary information in writing. We need permission for photos for school use, medical information and parent consent. The trip is non-refundable.

If we do NOT receive consent [StudentForename] will NOT be able to attend the event.

If you require any further information please contact

Yours sincerely

**Lt Jason Wetherall, Flt Lt Mark Pearce**