



Ref: JWE/CWA

Date: 4 March 2026

Dear Parent/Carer of [StudentFullName]

We are delighted to confirm that the postponed Brigade-led infantry skills competition, Exercise MERLIN MANOEUVRE, will now take place on the weekend of 20th–22nd March at Catterick Garrison.

Our Merlin Team will be competing against 36 of the top CCF and ACF contingents in the country in a range of demanding and exciting disciplines, including:

- Model making
- Range card creation
- First aid
- Fieldcraft and movement
- Weapon handling
- STEM challenges
- General fitness and staying active
- Live firing

This represents a significant achievement for PGS CCF, marking the first time our contingent has qualified for this prestigious event. On top of this (and included in the price) is a build up training day at Strensall Barracks on 07th March starting at PGS at 0700 and returning to PGS for 1830.

Participation in both the build-up training day and Exercise Merlin Manoeuvre is available for a total cost of £20, which covers transport, ammunition, and feeding for all activities.

Timings:

Pre-Build Up Day – **Saturday 7th March**

- Arrive at PGS: 0700 hrs
- Return to PGS: 1800–1830 hrs



Exercise MERLIN MANOEUVRE – Friday 20th to Sunday 22nd March

- Depart PGS: 1530 hrs on Friday 20th March
 - Return to PGS: Approximately 1700 hrs on Sunday 22nd March
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- *Cadets will text home when we depart Catterick to provide a more accurate arrival time. Please be flexible either side of the estimate, as timings may be affected by weather or traffic.*

Thank you for your continued support of our cadets and our contingent.

Captain J Wetherall
OC PGS CCF

