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Dear Parent/Carer of STUDENT FULLNAME

PGS CCF – June Field Exercise + Annual Camp 2025

I hope you're all well.

This letter contains 2 important pieces of information regarding both our June Weekend and the launch of annual camp 2025.

#### 1.) Annual Camp Meeting/Launch:

As we approach the summer term I'm delighted to say that we're in a position to launch our 2025 annual camp. To provide all cadets/parents/carers with the information on this weeklong residential we will be hosting a virtual meeting on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 1615hrs. This meeting will allow us to outline all of the activities, transport arrangements, pre requisites, payments and allow you the opportunity to ask the team any questions you may have.

The meeting will be recorded and posted on the CCF teams channel for any parents/carers who cannot attend.

The meeting link is below and we will admit guests from 1610hrs ready for a 1615hrs start:

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-

join/19%3aXV4wIDPAhEsIJhu42tgPhvbXxiABmguZxXphQ3L1uH81%40thread.tacv2/1743413242230?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2249ebce27-a17e-4f90-8044-

660c06968a9b%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%2268dcebce-1e3a-40ee-8c6e-7c2d8d7f1333%22%7d

#### The link will also be accessible via the PGS CCF teams channel.

Please note there will be no CCF session that Thursday at school however cadets are expected to still wear their CCF uniforms.

Any of our SNCO's (Sgts and above) have an in person meeting at 1500-1600 in Science 205 and are welcome to watch the virtual meeting along with staff.

I look forward to seeing many of you there for what is our biggest and boldest annual camp ever!

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#### 2.) June – Pre Camp Weekend:

## **PGS CCF – June Field Exercise** Hello.

We're delighted to be running our June Field Weekend (Annual camp pre requisite) at an exciting new venue (CMADE Outdoors in Silkstone). The facilities here will enable us to run an exciting and challenging pre-annual camp build up weekend focusing on the fundamental skills and drills required in order to operate in the field in preparation for our 48 hour field exercise on annual camp. Cadets will learn the mechanics of working as both a platoon and a section, take part in axe throwing, air rifle shooting and utilizing airsoft equipment learn how to carry out a section attack. (Please note the airsoft is firing at targets rather than at each other). On top of this cadets will have an opportunity to show their skills in the field and will be provided with plenty of opportunities to both show their leadership as well as learning how to be a good follower within their section.

As this event is in Silkstone we are asking all cadets to make their own way their straight from school. (A coach was going to add over £1000+ to the cost of this event and we felt this was too much given the close proximity). If you could assist by transporting your cadet (and if possible another cadet) we would really appreciate the support. However for anyone unable to make their own way up we will be walking a small group of cadets up from school. We expect this to take around 1 hour.

We will be transporting the walking students kit and equipment up for them but we would like to keep this number as small as possible, so please if possible arrange self-transportation to the venue. It is only a 5 minute drive from PGS. Cadets may also take public transport if they would like. Our event starts at 1600 giving students plenty of time to make their way up. Please note if parents are collecting from PGS on the Friday, please arrive after 1515hrs to allow for the school busses to have left.

# <u>Please can parents / carers complete this quick form to let us know the transport intentions of your cadet:</u>

#### https://forms.office.com/e/MQJNz06NWv

For feeding cadets will be 'cooking in the field' using ORP's and then we will be having a full company barbeque in the Saturday evening. Collection is before lunchtime on Sunday so only breakfast will be provided on the Sunday.

In order to limit the number of cars on site we are asking all of A-Troop to be collected at 1030, B-Troop to be collected at 1100 and C-Troop to be collected at 11:30am in order to reduce the number of cars in the relatively small car park. Collection is from CMADE outdoors and the location is in the 'venue' section of this letter'

It will be a great weekend and we look forward to the weekend.

Venue	CMADE OUTDOORS – Broadclose Farm Silkstone S75 4LY		
Date of trip	Friday 06 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday 08 <sup>th</sup> June 2025		
Arrival Time (Friday)	16:00	Collection time	10:30 A-Trp, 11:00 B-Trp 11:30 C-Trp
Cost	£30	Deadline for payment	Friday 16 May 2025
School mobile number for use in an emergency (if 07547 213134 an evening or overnight trip). If a day trip please contact the school number – 01226 762114			

### Other information

**Uniform** 

#### Lunch

#### **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 Parentpay**. 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 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.

Please note it is essential you provide consent via Parentpay If consent is not received STUDENT FIRSTNME will not be able to attend the trip.

#### **Payment**

Payment will be via ParentPay

Financial support may be available for some students for this trip. Please contact school to discuss if required.

Yours sincerely

Lt J Wetherall
Officer Commanding – PGS CCF