

Dear Parent/Carer,

Your son/daughter has expressed a wish to be put forward for selection for the Brooke Weston Trust Combined Cadet Force (Army). Application does not guarantee an offer of a place as the selection process is rigorous. However, before your son/daughter begins the selection process for the CCF(A) the first mandatory selection criterion is Parental/Carer Consent. As such we require you to complete the consent form at the end of this letter (Annexe: App. Consent Form) and return to the CCF(A) Representative Officer at your Academy:

Consent forms to be returned to C/Sgt George Abbott

Any student joining the CCF (A) is making a commitment to attend every Wednesday CCF(A) session 3:15pm to 5:15 pm (known as Parades) and to give of their best, whatever the weather. The CCF is a youth organisation with a military ethos so that cadets may develop powers of leadership by means of training to promote the qualities of responsibility, self-reliance, resourcefulness, endurance and perseverance. There is no point in students seeking to join the CCF(A) if they do not enjoy or are capable of partaking in mentally and physically challenging activities both inside and outdoors.

As you will appreciate the level of commitment required is not to be underestimated. Alongside the weekly Wednesday parades there will typically be up to 3 'field-weekends' across the year and a week camp at the end of the year at military training areas in the UK.

Students enrolled as Cadets on the CCF(A) programme will participate on Wednesday afternoons after the end of the regular school day until 17:15 p.m*. It is important to note that the Academy nor the CCF will be responsible for homeward transport arrangements at the end of the Parade session. All Cadets are responsible for their own homeward travel arrangements after Parade. (*on occasion this time may be extended to a maximum of 6 p.m.).

Following successful completion of the selection process, you will be offered a "*Cadetship*" and invited to join the CCF (A) as "First Year Cadets", with their Cadetship starting at the beginning of September 2025. Students accepting the invitation to join do so acknowledging that they are required to commit to completing the programme. Other than the initial boot charge and a small contribution to cost of attending Camp (normally £80) there is no charge for CCF. On completion of that programme, should Cadets wish to continue their involvement they may do so, subject to approval from the Academy.

During their first year, Cadets will follow a structured carousel of activities including drill, turnout and military knowledge, an introduction to weapon handling & shooting, first aid and basic Fieldcraft. Underpinning the delivery of these subject areas are the continued exposure to and training in 'soft-skills' such as responsibility, leadership and teamwork.

On joining the CCF (A), uniform will be issued on loan and must be returned when the Cadet leaves the CCF (A) or the Academy. The only items of specialist personal kit that Cadets are required to provide are their boots as well as a military style rucksack. Uniform boots and rucksack will be

sourced on behalf of Cadets at an anticipated cost of £50, As part of the Cadet programme includes 'turnout' Cadets will be required to launder and prepare their own uniform.

Immediate Action

- Issue of Cadetship Offer Letter & Uniform sizing guide
- Return of all consent & sizing paperwork

Should you wish your son/daughter to apply to undertake selection for enrolment in the Brooke Weston Trust CCF(A) then your support will be a critical element in their success.

We trust we can rely on your support both for your child and for Combined Cadet Force Contingent at Brooke Weston Trust.

Kind regards

E Brown
Contingent Commander

-----Tear-off & Return to CCF(A) Representative-----

(Annexe: App. Consent Form):

Please complete: "insert/delete" as applicable

Brooke Weston Trust: Combined Cadet Force (Army).

Name of Academy:

Name of Student: _____ / **Form:** _____

I/We [_____] parents/carers of [_____],

hereby grant full approval for my/our son/daughter to apply and consent for them to undertake selection for the Combined Cadet Force (Army) with Brooke Weston Trust.

Signed: (Parents / Carers of the student named above) _____

Date: _____