

MANOR

CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY, YORK

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Many of you will be aware that Manor has a relatively young and very successful Combined Cadet Force. The unit has been 5 years in the making and has been running with cadets for 4 years. There are CCF contingents in over 400 secondary schools all over the UK, offering young people a broad range of challenging, exciting, adventurous and educational activities. The aim is to enable the development of personal responsibility, leadership and self-discipline. Each CCF is an educational partnership between the school and the Ministry of Defence, and a CCF may include Royal Navy, Royal Marines, Army or Royal Air Force sections. As a young unit, we are currently associated only with the Army. We are proud of the achievements of many of our cadets over this time and the vision is certainly playing out.

Any CCF unit relies on enthusiastic and committed volunteers. We run with 5 members of Manor staff, one volunteer from University of York, 3 ex-students and we employ CSgt Amers as our School Staff Instructor (SSI) who facilitates our military and adventure training. We are also supported by the Cadet Training Team (CTT) at Strensall. As our numbers have grown and we now have 80 very keen cadets, I am looking to increase the number of adult volunteers. I am writing to ask if you are interested in hearing more, and, if so, if you would like the opportunity to attend a parade night for yourself to see what it is all about.

There are many roles that adult volunteers can take. You may choose to be in uniform and to undertake your own officer training and to deliver lessons to cadets, or may wish to remain non-uniformed but in an administrative role. You do not need military experience and the CCF is NOT a part of the Armed Forces. It is supported financially by the Armed Forces and there is an amount of military themed training, but is without commitment to military service of any kind. That said, those of you who do have some military experience or a cadet background would be welcomed.

The really key thing is that you bring enthusiasm. A level of physical fitness makes it easier to participate in activities, but it is not a requirement. *The commitment is to attend parade nights which run every Thursday in term time (3:20 - 6:00pm), an annual camp (usually 1 week in the summer term) and an occasional overnighter, often at Strensall Barracks.* Please feel free to get in touch if you would like to discuss this opportunity. I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

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