



The Priory Academy LSST

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Priory LSST Combined Cadet Force (CCF)

Thank you for expressing an interest in either a teaching or support staff post at The Priory Academy LSST. You might be aware that we have our own CCF with its own dedicated team of staff volunteers. If you feel able to support the CCF in any way, please indicate this on your application. Further information is provided in this letter.

The Priory Academy LSST is in a very privileged position being 1 of only 64 state school CCF's, (with over 3200 state schools in registered in England). We currently have two sections, an Army section and an RAF section with cadets ranging from Years 9 to 13 each following their own progressive syllabus, with senior cadets progressing to instructing lessons in the 6th form. In recent years we have seen our cadets progress to positions of authority in the school such as Head Girl and Senior Prefects, gain places at a variety of top universities and be successful in their applications to join the Armed Forces both in non-commissioned and commissioned roles.

The CCF promotes a disciplined environment within a school where young people develop powers of leadership by means of military themed training to promote the qualities of responsibility, self-reliance, resourcefulness, endurance and perseverance and a sense of service to the community. The self-confidence and self-discipline required in Service life are equally important in civilian life. In addition the CCF shows young people why the Armed Forces are needed and how they function, thereby raising awareness of Defence and encouraging those interested in a career in the Services. For some students it is simply an opportunity to develop skills outside the academic environment which we hope will in turn assist them back in the classroom.

The cadets will study and complete a variety of activities within CCF, these include military specific topics such as: drill, weapons training, military knowledge, principles of flight and fieldcraft (including infantry skills such as ambushes and battle orders), along with more general life skills including: first aid, navigation, living in the field, teambuilding and leadership. Some of these elements are rewarded with nationally recognised qualifications including those from St John's Ambulance and the Institute of Leadership & Management.

In addition cadets are given the opportunity to complete Adventurous Training (climbing, walking, canoeing, mountain biking and much more), High Ropes, Summer Camps, visits to Military Establishments and Museums, apply for courses, attend overseas camps and fly aircraft and gliders.

The CCF trains every Tuesday afternoon 1520-1740 throughout the school year, along with a number of set weekends and annual summer camps.

The CCF welcomes the input from staff (both teaching and support) and volunteers with experience in any of the above areas. Previous service / military history is not a requirement – all we ask is that you have relevant interest and skills in any of the areas outlined above, or simply an interest in being part of the CCF. We look forward to hearing from you.