

Penistone Grammar School

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Ref: JWE/CWA

Date: 17 January 2025

Dear Parent/Carer of STUDENT FULLNAME

In addition to the letter sent out before the Christmas break we're delighted to be kicking off the new year with our skill at arms training weekend for our Bravo and Charlie troops. This is the only weekend of the training year where we get dedicated weapons (Sa80CadetGP) and classroom access to be able to deliver the training required for cadets to pass their weapons handling test (WHT). This is a legal requirement for cadets to pass if they would like to shoot live/blank ammunition on our upcoming range day in March and on annual camp.

Unfortunately if cadets do not attend this weekend then we are unable to offer another opportunity to conduct skill at arms training in order to gain a valid WHT. So any students wishing to shoot this academic year will need to attend this weekend. This is unfortunately out of our control as you can imagine the difficulty involved with securing weapons systems and the time required to deliver rifle lessons 1-14 in order to pass a WHT.

However as you are receiving this letter this means your cadet has a confirmed space on this event.

Students will be accommodated in single sex rooms within the camp and the feeding will be at the cookhouse.

As this is our first Y11 CCF cohort and acting on feedback from our cadets there will be time dedicated on this camp for our Y11's to complete HL/Coursework/Revision for GCSE's/mock exams. The amount of time can be tailored to the individual if required. Y11 students simply need to speak to one of the troop S/Sgts and space will be provided. The only thing we cannot provide is internet access.

Venue	Queen Elizabeth Barracks – Strensall (York)		
Date of trip	31 st Jan 2025 – 02 Feb 2025		
Departure time	1500	Return time	1415-1430
Cost	N/A	Deadline for payment	13-01-2025
School mobile number for use in an emergency (if an evening or overnight trip). If a day trip please contact the school number – 01226 762114			

Other information

Uniform – Students should attend school on the Friday in their full CCF uniform. No school books or equipment should be taken to camp (Excluding Y11's) and should be left in lockers.

Kit List – A detailed kit list will be posted on teams for students to pack appropriately. As we're in camp for the duration of the stay 'field kit' is not required for this exercise.

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

Consent was provided at the start of the year, if there have been any changes it is vital that you let our SSI (MPearce@penistone-gs.uk) as soon as possible. If there have been no changes then there is no need to contact us.

Yours sincerely

Lt J Wetherall Flt Lt M Pearce SSI PGS