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Dear Parent/Carer

**We are looking for adult volunteers to join us here at Christleton High School, Royal Air Force, Combined Cadet Force. Parade evenings take place from 15:45 until 18:00 each Tuesday during the school term.**

The Air Cadet Organisation, with which the RAF Combined Cadet Force (CCF) is associated, is a national military themed youth organisation with over 40,000 cadets. Its purpose is to develop leadership by promoting the qualities of responsibility, self-reliance, resourcefulness, endurance and perseverance. Furthermore, the CCF is to impart a basic knowledge and understanding of the Armed Forces.

At Christleton High School CCF, we constantly assess our achievements, implement changes to meet the challenges of today and make plans for the future and a significant part of that planning could involve you! Are you over 18? Do you seek a new challenge? Would you like to develop skills, leadership qualities and gain qualifications too? As the backbone of our cadet organisation, we are always searching for high-calibre individuals to become volunteers, helping to run the activities that play such an important role in the lives of our young cadets.

Our volunteer staff have a range of backgrounds and interests. Direct experience of working with young people or in the military would be advantageous. However, no military experience or formal qualifications are required to become an adult volunteer here at Christleton High School RAF CCF. That said, we are looking for essential qualities such as enthusiasm, patience, maturity and responsibility along with an understanding of young people and their needs. You need not be an athlete, but a good level of physical fitness also helps to ensure you can keep up with the cadets!

**Make a difference**

Your role is vital to the success of our cadets. You will see the benefits you can bring with your dedication and efforts to inspire our young people. You too will enjoy the many CCF activities and have the same opportunities as the cadets, to develop your leadership skills and gain qualifications.

This is all achieved through the wide array of practical and theoretical training opportunities, such as, map reading, initial expedition training, basic navigation using map and compass, first aid, air rifle shooting, full bore shooting, radio communications, flying and gliding, leadership training, adventurous training, fieldcraft. You will have as much fun as the cadets and it does not stop there! We visit many RAF Stations throughout the UK as well as those overseas such as Cyprus and Gibraltar.

If you choose to join as an adult volunteer, you may also apply to become a Commissioned Officer. As an RAF CCF Officer, you can claim up to 28 days’ volunteer allowance per year and work your way up through the ranks in a similar manner to the RAF.

Our volunteers say they gain a huge sense of achievement from helping young people realise their potential.

**What to do next**

If you are interested in joining the CCF (RAF) section, you are required to submit a CV along with a letter of application stating reasons why you would like to become a volunteer. This should be no more than one side of A4. Please consider the activities listed, and how these would be of benefit in developing you as an individual. Further information is available at <https://www.raf.mod.uk/aircadets/> or by contacting me via email at cc.t0336A@aircadets.org

The deadline for applications is Friday 2nd August 2019. The start date will be 10th September 2019.

**Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS)**

Successful applicants will be required to apply for a Criminal Record Check (Disclosure) from the Disclosure and Barring Service.

**Our preferred method of receipt is by email to:** cc.t0336A@aircadets.org

Alternatively, you can apply by post to Flt Lt I Hollywood at the address at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely



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