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CONTINGENT FORMAL DINNER NIGHT 20 April 2018

As part of the annual inspection day, the contingent holds a formal dinner night in the style of an Officer's mess dining-in night. Dress is black tie and mess rules are imposed. The evening is an opportunity for the leaving senior cadets to experience a formal dinner evening and for the contingent to celebrate another successful year of CCF training. The dinner is subsidised and the charge remains at £35.

The experience is an opportunity for the cadets to learn some of the etiquette and rules applicable to military life and an ideal opportunity to experience a formal dinner evening with its associated practices. This experience is useful to the cadets as they come close to embarking on their adult life after school years, regardless of their intention to join the military.

There will be drinks pre-dinner and during the meal. The loyal toast is also conducted with a glass of port. Consumption of alcohol and behavior will be monitored by staff throughout the evening. The headmaster has kindly given permission for wine to be served at the dinner. However the final consent for individuals rests with Parents/Guardians.

Following the conclusion of the dinner it is expected that the cadets will depart or be collected and that they are no longer the responsibility of the school or the Contingent. For this reason, we do not encourage a continuation of festivities. The dinner night is expected to conclude at 11pm. Transport to return to Pates has been arranged at the end of the evening.

I ask parents/guardians to indicate consent for wine at the meal and event attendance by using schoolcomms when the charge of £35 is raised on your account. *However, if you specifically wish to deny consent for consumption of wine with the meal, I would be grateful if you could indicate consent on schoolcomms to attend the event, but contact me directly to indicate no consent is given for wine at the meal.*

C R Mackay
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