



# Combined Cadet Force

Parade Night  
9<sup>th</sup> January 2018

The New Year is off to a flying start with our cadets leading the planning of our training programme and events. Summer Camp is confirmed for the week beginning Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2018 to the following Saturday. We are also planning an overnight “Zombie Apocalypse” exercise to take place on the 12<sup>th</sup> May. Visits to our associates at Middleton Barracks will take place with a series of Saturday one-day weapons training events this term.

The RT Hon Tobias Ellwood MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of the Ministry of Defence, and Robert Goodwill MP, Minister of State for the Department for Education sent a congratulatory letter to our Head Teachers Mr. Vickerman (Sirius Academy West), and Mr. Ravenscroft, (Sirius Academy North). In their correspondence, they praise the work of our committed team of adult volunteers and partners in launching the Combined Cadet Force at Sirius Academy. We hope to continue to earn national recognition for the achievements of our youngsters, who join and compete with Cadet detachments from the country’s most prestigious schools.

I am delighted to announce the following appointments of new responsibilities within our 3 Sections:

## A Company

Section Commander Casey Waller

Second in Command Ben Cameron Scoof

## B Company

Section Commander Abigail Hinch

Second in Command Bruno-Girts Pomerancis

## C Company

Section Commander Tegan Watson-Freeman

Second in Command Shauna-Lee Carlton

The first lesson of the training programme took place with cadets securing knowledge of progression through the ranks of regular Army personnel, from Private to Warrant Officer, and their respective badges, which appear on the arm of their uniform shirt. Next week we aim to cover the structures of each Armed Force in greater detail.

Drill progressed with sharper formations, practice in a prompt Halt, and greater endurance when Standing to Attention. We even surged ahead with wheeling (turning corners) while in three ranks (lines). Next week, we will learn how to Turn at the Halt.

Finally next week’s rotation of sessions will also involve a practical session on map-reading, and how to pack the webbing (pockets) used on an assault vest.

