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Dear Parent/Guardian

We are writing to let you know that Ormiston Forge Academy is embarking on an exciting new programme in partnership with the Sea Cadets, from July 2015.

As part of a new government initiative called the Cadet Expansion Programme, Sandwell Sea Cadets will be opening up within the academy site and will be parading here each Monday and Thursday evening from 7pm-9.30pm. This will be during term time and academy holidays, with exception of the Christmas break. This unit will allow up to 40 students to experience a varied Sea Cadet programme that aims to give young people a head start in life through nautical adventure and fun.

Delivered by volunteers from Sandwell Sea Cadets, the programme will be a mixture of classroom-based activities, such as seamanship, first aid and corps knowledge, and outdoor activities, such as adventure training, boat-work and drill.

What is the Cadet Expansion Programme?

The Cadet Expansion Programme is a new initiative which was launched in 2012 by the Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister, and overseen by a Joint Team from the Department for Education (DfE) and Ministry of Defence (MOD). It aims to encourage and support schools and academies to benefit from having very close working links with a local cadet force that will work with, and inspire, its pupils.

About Sea Cadets

Sea Cadets is a national charity working with 14,000 young people aged between 10 and 18, and 9,000 volunteers. It was established in 1856 and offers a range of skills, qualifications and values that provide foundations for life. As well as benefitting from activities in a Sea Cadet unit, young people can tap into the national programmes for adventurous training and offshore sailing and gain accredited skills in waterborne activities and nationally recognised qualifications for sailing, rowing and paddle sports. Put simply, we offer skills and qualifications young people will have for life.

Ormiston Forge Academy therefore welcomes the partnership of Sandwell Sea Cadets with our academy. If you are interested in finding out more about how your child can become part of our Sea Cadet Unit in July, please come along to the academy on a Thursday evening between 7pm – 7.30pm, and a member of Sea Cadet Staff will be happy to meet you and discuss the opportunities available.

Please note, places are limited and will be on a first come first served basis. After this point a waiting list will then be in place.

Yours faithfully

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