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Dear Year 7 Parents/Carers

Sea Cadets

The Principal wrote to all parents and carers at the end of last academic year to advise that work was underway to establish The Victory Academy's very own onsite Sea Cadets Unit. I am pleased to announce that as the Dedicated Sea Cadets Person, plans are now fully underway and we are in a position to recruit Cadets!

We now invite Year 7 students to register an interest.

What is the Sea Cadet Corps?

Whether at sea or on land, the Sea Cadets offers young people across the UK amazing opportunities for personal development, by learning new skills and working in teams. We offer an environment where young people find new confidence and inspiration.

Established in 1856 the Sea Cadets was created by communities wanting to give young people instruction on a naval theme. Traditionally old seafarers provided training while local businessmen funded the unit building. Today, 14,000 young people based in 400 units in towns, cities and ports across the UK, are challenging themselves and developing new life skills.

The Corps is in no way a feeder to the Royal Navy for potential recruits, but is a disciplined youth organisation aimed at 10 to 18 year-olds who can take any number of career paths thereafter with the confidence of life skills and qualifications gained within the Corps to make them successful competitors in the job market.

What can the SCC offer you?

Apart from providing life skills and valuable experiences to young people, as a Sea Cadet you can gain qualifications that are recognised outside the corps such as:

- **Royal Yachting Association** (sailing, power boating, navigation)
- **British Canoeing Union** (kayaking and canoeing)
- **BTEC**
- Teamwork, personal skills & citizenship
- Music for practical performances
- **St John's Ambulance Brigade** (First Aid at Work, Youth First Aid)
- **Duke of Edinburgh's Award** Bronze, Silver & Gold Award
- **British Sub Aqua Club** (Ocean Diver, Sports Diver)
- **Seamanship, piping, catering, adventure training, shooting and drill.**

We take part in several competitions throughout the year, such as 5 a-side football and swimming.

Provided with this letter are two links to promotional videos for you to discover a little more about the Corps. Please take the time to watch these short clips.



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This link is a video of the pinnacle course that Cadets should be aiming to attend. It is a course upon the Sea Cadet Corps flagship 'TS Royalist'. In attending this course, Cadets will be building upon skills explored at a unit level: seamanship, teamwork, ability to listen, communication, navigation and self-discipline to experience a chance of a lifetime.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SIwcTGH2CpA>

This link will take you the Corps website for further information on the Sea Cadet Corps.

https://www.google.co.uk/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=1&cad=rja&uact=8&ved=0ahUKewiZ5NmNj7bWAhVDI8AKHQkWDUIQFggtMAA&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.sea-cadets.org%2F&usg=AFOjCNFPw3QdqZRdXQHrFJnOadOGiF_6mg



For more information about the Corps and about our new unit or to arrange a visit to discuss the possibility of signing up, students can find me located within Student Services at break and lunch times.

We hope that your young person will embrace this new and exciting opportunity. I look forward to working with them.

Yours sincerely

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