

September 2011

Dear Headteacher,

SEA CADET CORPS TRAFALGAR DAY PARADE – 23 OCTOBER 2011

On Sunday 23 October 2011 the Sea Cadet Corps will hold its annual Trafalgar Day parade in Trafalgar Square in London. This is the 'flagship' event of our year and commemorates the Battle of Trafalgar and the death of Admiral Lord Nelson in 1805. Approximately 500 cadets and volunteer staff will be on parade in front of thousands of members of the public and over 250 invited national and international guests. The cadets participating form platoons, a marching band and very impressive displays of drill and physical training. Reviewing Officer will be Major General F H R Howes OBE RM, Commandant General Royal Marines.

Throughout their time in the cadets, our young people learn teamwork, self-discipline and good citizenship, and for many being selected to participate in the national Trafalgar Day parade is the pinnacle of their cadet career.

Your student has been selected to represent the Sea Cadet Corps in this most prestigious event, which is a great honour and which recognises their dedication to the Corps. All cadets undertake special training for this occasion. This requires travelling to Hampshire for the afternoon of Thursday 20 October and, although they will leave London immediately after the parade, the length of journey means they will arrive home late on Sunday night.

I would be most grateful if you would permit your student to be absent from school in order to participate in this event and hope that you recognise the great benefit they will gain, both in terms of their development as an individual, and as well-deserved recognition for their commitment to the organisation. If you could confirm their full name and SCC unit they attend when responding, this will assist us in identifying the student out of 400 cadets taking part in the event.

For further information please do not hesitate to contact my team on 020 7654 7015 or 7016, jpicton@ms-sc.org.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Windsor".

Mark Windsor
Captain, Royal Navy
Captain Sea Cadets

