5 Quick Points for parents or guardians

1. Skills
Your son, daughter or ward will learn skills that are valued by employers and higher education institutions such as teamwork, communication, self-reliance, citizenship and volunteering.

2. No cost
Thanks to a government grant, the BTEC Level 2 qualifications are provided by CVQO at no cost to the learner. Without this funding each would cost around £750.

3. Minimal extra work
Much of the work needed to complete the qualification often already takes place at their cadet unit. All that's needed to achieve the BTEC Level 2 is a completed workbook.

4. Support
Ask them how they're getting on with their workbook and make sure they add the qualification to their UCAS applications or CVs when they pass. You could also encourage them to attend both cadets and a BTEC workbook session.

5. How can you help?
In addition to advice from their cadet unit, your son, daughter or ward can ask for support from CVQO at any time – we have a UK-wide network of regional managers who are always happy to help.

1 in 4 entering university now have a BTEC qualification
Source: 2016 Social Market Foundation research
“The wonderful thing about doing CVQO courses through cadets is that they give you the option to get extra qualifications alongside your cadet training, but it’s less intense because it blends in so well with the Army Cadet Syllabus.”

Former Cadet RSM Eve Salter, Merseyside ACF (now studying Law)

“CVQO has given Joseph more confidence and he enjoyed doing it. He’s academic so was pleased that he can put it on his CV. It gives him that edge, confidence and interpersonal skills. We’ve noticed the change since he’s been in the Army Cadets and now also with the CVQO qualification he’s achieved.”

Siobhan and Neil Baylif

“This is definitely beneficial, any BTEC or qualification provided through the cadets and/or CVQO sets children up for life. Our son has already used his CVQO qualification for his college enrolment.”

Sarah and Kevin Thompson