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Dear Parent/Carer,

## **National Citizen Service (NCS)**

On Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January, students in Year 11 will have an assembly with representatives from the National Citizen Service (NCS).

We are delighted to once again be partnered up with the National Citizen Service, a government funded programme for 15-17 year olds. As a school, we are excited to be a part of this programme as we see the positive impact NCS has on young people and their personal development and would highly recommend this unique and valuable opportunity. We hope you will encourage your son/daughter to take part.

### **What is National Citizen Service (NCS)?**

NCS is a once in a life time opportunity for 15-17 year olds and allows young people to develop the tools, skills and belief to unlock their potential and make a positive impact in their community.

NCS takes place during the summer holidays and is being offered on a first come first served basis. Each place on the programme is valued at more than £1,200, however, due to government funding the programme will cost you no more than £50. This £50 includes all transport, food and accommodation whilst away with NCS.

### **The NCS programme breaks down into four action packed weeks:**

- Part one (Monday-Friday): This is a residential week and takes place at one of the best outdoor activity centres in the country. Young people will participate in a week of team challenges such as rock climbing, kayaking and archery.
- Part two (Monday-Friday): During this residential week, young people will get the opportunity to live away from home and experience their own NCS festival week. The aim is to develop transferable skills for work and life, such as confidence, leadership and communication, living independently whilst also experiencing a week of festival fun.
- Parts three and four (Monday-Friday): These two weeks are non-residential and young people will get to make their mark on their community. Using skills they have developed during parts one and two, this will enable them to create and implement a project that they believe will positively impact their local area.

Upon completion of NCS, young people will graduate and receive a certificate signed by the Prime Minister. NCS graduates will emerge with a range of essential skills for College, University and Work; as well as the character, communication and confidence that will stand them in good stead for life.

All the skills developed on NCS will help boost young peoples' CVs and their personal statements. UCAS continues to recommend students to include NCS in their personal statement when applying for university.

If you would like to get your son/daughter signed up to NCS then please visit [www.ncsyet.co.uk](http://www.ncsyet.co.uk) or call the NCS team on 0121 766 1303.

Yours sincerely,

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