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Dear Parent/Carer



### YEAR 11 - NATIONAL CITIZEN SERVICE (SUMMER 2017)

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

#### What is the 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 offered on a first come first serve basis. Each place on the programme is valued at more than £1200; 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

Week [1] Mon-Fri: 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.

Week [2] Mon-Fri: This residential week young people will get the opportunity to live away from home and learn skills for work and life, such as confidence, leadership and communication. They will then learn how to apply these skills to the world of work.

Week [3] and [4] Mon – Fri: These two weeks are non-residential and young people will get to make their mark on their community. Using skills they have developed during part one & 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 people's CV and their personal statement. UCAS continues to recommend students to include NCS in their personal statement when applying for university. Year 11 students will be involved in an NCS assembly in school on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

**If you are interested in finding how your child can get involved please visit [www.ncsyes.co.uk](http://www.ncsyes.co.uk) or call the NCS team on 0800 197 8010.**

Yours sincerely

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