Dear Parent /Guardian

**National Citizen Service (NCS) for Year 11 students**

Your son/daughter has heard about an exciting opportunity during the summer holidays from the National Citizen Service (NCS). We have encouraged students to take part in this government-backed scheme since it was launched in 2011 as we believe NCS enables students to build new skills and help them stand out when applying for university, apprenticeships or jobs.

**What is NCS?**

NCS is the country’s fastest growing youth movement. It has been created to enrich, challenge and empower all young people. To date, almost 500,000 young people have completed the programme.

It is a four week skills development programme for 15-17 year olds that takes place completely during the summer holidays after GCSEs are completed. This unique programme is split over four phases:

**Phase one: Adventure** - Staying at an outward bounds centre for five days, young people will meet new people and be pushed out of their comfort zones with adrenaline-fuelled activities.

**Phase two: Discovery** - After a short break at home, participants then go away for another five day residential closer to home. During this time, they will develop skills needed for life and work such as teamwork, independence and public speaking.

**Phase three: Action** - Staying at home from now on, young people will meet up with their teams to plan and deliver a social action project around an issue they feel passionate about.

**Phase four: Celebration** - It’s time to celebrate all of the achievements experienced during NCS! At a celebration event, all NCS graduates will receive a certificate of completion, signed by the Prime Minister.

**Further information and how to sign up**

Each place is worth £1,500, but you’ll never pay more than £50 for activities, food and accomodation, with bursaries available, so everyone can experience NCS.

Find out more and complete an application online at NCSYES.co.uk at a specially discounted price of £35. Students eligible for free school meals can take part for just £10. Call NCS on 0191 247 4020 for more information.

If you would like any further information visit NCSYES.co.uk or call NCS on 0191 247 4020.

Yours sincerely

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