



Dear Parent/Guardian,

NCS – Year 11s

Mayfield School and the Portsmouth NCS team would like to invite you to a parent/guardian information evening:

When: Tuesday 28th January 2020

Time: 5.00pm

Where: Mayfield School

The NCS programme provides young people aged 15-17 from all backgrounds with the opportunity to take on new challenges, learn new skills and make a difference within their local community.

We are delighted to tell you that your son/daughter will be given the opportunity to sign up to NCS this academic year for the summer holidays. NCS will look great on any young person's CV as the skills and experience they gain will match those that employers are looking for in potential employees.

The programme is a 4 week long experience, consisting of 4 phases (no weekends included):

Phase 1 – Be Epic: Away residential in Weymouth, participating in outdoor activities such as kayaking, paddle boarding and rock climbing. This week gives the young people the chance to relax and forget about the stresses of exams, meet new people, try new things and have fun.

Phase 2 – Live Life: Another residential within Portsmouth, where the young people will get the chance to learn about independent living by cooking for themselves and their team mates each night. They will also take part in a different themed workshop each day to give them extra life skills to take away. This could be anything from first aid, cooking, enterprise or challenge days.

Phase 3 – Do Good: The last 2 weeks of the programme are non-residential and are based at Portsmouth College and within the local community. This is the phase where the young people, as a team, get the chance to design and deliver a social action project in their community. They will spend the third week planning and the fourth week delivering.

Phase 4 – Go Party: Once the summer has finished, the young people get the chance to celebrate their achievements with family and friends through their graduation ceremony. They will get a certificate signed by the Prime Minister which they can take away and add to their CV or any job/university applications.

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Delivering the programme costs £1,400 per head, but here at Pompey in the Community, **we are pleased to offer places on the NCS programme at a minimal cost of £50.**

If your child is entitled to free school meals, are on pupil premium or a young carer, the programme is a reduced cost of **£25**. The contribution covers all accommodation, food, transport, activities and any specialist kit for the residential. Bursaries and payment plans are also available and this is dealt with on a case to case basis direct with the NCS team.

The NCS team will be in Mayfield School on a range of different dates so your son/daughter can find out more details about NCS and express their interest in the programme. The dates we will be at the school are:

Year 11 Assembly: **Tuesday 21st January 2020**
Lunchtime Sign Up session: **Thursday 30th January 2020**

Places for NCS are filling very quickly, so these events are a great way for your son/daughter to express their interest and confirm their place for next summer.

The information evening will be your chance to find out more about the programme and how your son/daughter can secure their place this year.

In the meantime, if you would like more information, please check out the NCS website at www.wearencs.com or alternatively, get in touch with the Portsmouth NCS team through the details below.

We look forward to meeting you on Tuesday 28th January 2020

Yours sincerely,

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