

## Even more of our students are saying YES to NCS!

### This is your son/daughter's chance ...

**National Citizen Service (NCS) is a once in a lifetime opportunity for your son/daughter.**

This adventurous and life-enhancing programme is currently available to young people in Year 11 & 12 and places are funded by the government. We are very supportive of NCS and over the last two summers, many of our students have taken part to develop their skills and confidence for work and life whilst making an amazing difference in their local community. As NCS Graduates they are all proud of their achievements and we're proud of them too!



So now it's your son/daughter's chance to participate in the biggest youth development programme in England! NCS also gives them the opportunity to boost their CV/UCAS statement whilst making new friends and networking. NCS will be visiting us over the next few months, but here's a heads up if you wish to book their place early!

#### What does NCS involve?

**The NCS programme is a four-week programme that takes place during the summer holidays (July & August).**

Your son/daughter will participate in these engaging phases:

**Phase 1 – Adventure:** Outward bound activity centre residential week (Monday – Friday). They will participate in fun and engaging activities like climbing, abseiling and water-sports.

**Phase 2 – Discovery:** Skills development residential week (Monday – Friday). They will continue their adventure at a local venue, typically a university campus, as they complete activities that will enhance their personal skills, including practical workshops and meeting local businesses, charities and organisations.

**Phase 3 – Social Action:** Social Action Project planning and delivery. In this non-residential phase they will spend their last two weeks (Monday – Thursday each week) based back in their local community. They will plan, develop and deliver a project of their choice which will have a positive impact in their community. During this phase they will commit to complete 60 hours of their time.

**Phase 4 – Celebration Event:** This is their opportunity to celebrate becoming an NCS Graduate, feel proud of what they've achieved and receive a certificate which has been signed by the Prime Minister.

#### Why take part in NCS?

Participating in NCS will help your son/daughter to...

- Develop their confidence, teamwork, leadership and communication skills
- Boost their CV, UCAS statement and job/apprenticeship applications ... NCS is recognised by UK employers, UCAS and leading universities
- Be engaged in a positive activity in their local community
- Become an NCS graduate and receive a certificate which has been signed by the Prime Minister
- Make new friends and gain memories that will last a lifetime

#### What does NCS cost?

The Government backs NCS which means parents/guardians are never asked to pay more than £50. However, if your son/daughter receives free school meals they are asked to contribute a reduced fee as we are keen to ensure that finances are not a barrier for participation.

#### How do I guarantee a place on NCS for my son/daughter?

1. Visit [www.learnbydesign.co.uk/ncs-school-link-east-ea1/](http://www.learnbydesign.co.uk/ncs-school-link-east-ea1/) to find out more and sign up
2. Sign up over the phone by speaking to a member of the NCS Team on 01827 337237
3. Sign up online by visiting: [www.ncsyes.co.uk](http://www.ncsyes.co.uk)

If you have any questions, please contact NCS on **01827 337237** or [ncs@bydesign-group.co.uk](mailto:ncs@bydesign-group.co.uk) as they'd be happy to help. We very much hope your son/daughter takes this once in a life time opportunity!