



Dear Parent/Carer,

We are excited to be working with Rutlish School this year to deliver an unforgettable summer experience for students in year 11.

The NCS programme offers young people, aged 16-17, a once in a lifetime opportunity to do something meaningful with their summer break, as well as a chance to develop skills and take on new challenges that will set them up for adult life. They'll also do something good for their local community, carrying out a social action project to support a cause they care about. We've seen first hand what an amazing feeling of accomplishment and increased confidence this brings. Throughout the pandemic, teenagers on NCS donated well over 200,000 hours of their time to help rebuild their communities after the first lockdown, showing what a difference young people can make when they work together towards a goal.

More information on the NCS summer programme can be found below or on our website. Over a period of 2 weeks they will;

- ✓ Meet new people
- ✓ Stay away from home for 5 days
- ✓ Give back to their local community through voluntary action
- ✓ Take on new challenges
- ✓ Develop the skills and confidence to take on their next steps
- ✓ Generate experience for their university application, job/apprenticeship interview or CV and more!

NCS is all about helping teenagers realise their potential by giving them a taste of independence and loading them up with new skills that set them up to achieve their future goals, whatever they may be. And this year, it's your teen's turn!

We will be attending Rutlish School on Wednesday 23rd March to talk about the NCS programme. During the assembly, we will answer any questions your teen may have and give them a chance to register their interest for the summer 2021 programme.

When your teen registers their interest in taking part in NCS this summer, we will ask them to share your contact details. This is so that we can complete the administrative process required to get them signed up to a programme date. When they let us know they're interested, we'll be in touch with you by email or phone to run through the steps we need to complete their booking.

A place on NCS is worth around £1200. However, thanks to government funding for the programme, we only ask for a contribution of £50 to cover some basic costs. We want to ensure

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that everyone can do NCS so there are bursaries available if you need some help to cover the cost. Bursaries are available to those who are either:

- Eligible for free school meals
- On an EHCP
- In or have recently left care
- A young carer

This summer, we've got a few start dates that you can choose from:

27th June
4th July
11th July
18th July
25th July
8th August

Go to wearencs.com to sign up or for more information. Frequently asked questions can be found at wearencs.com/faqs. Alternatively, if you have any questions or don't think these dates will work with your summer plans, give us a call and we'll do our best to help you out:

0800 197 8010

We look forward to welcoming your teen on NCS this summer!
Warm wishes,

NCS School Engagement Team
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