



Dear Parent/Carer,

We are excited to be working with Benjamin Britten 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 project to support a cause they care about. We've seen first hand what an amazing feeling of accomplishment and increased confidence this brings. Last August, teenagers on NCS donated 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.

We currently have a two week or three week programme on offer but regardless of which you choose, your child will have the opportunity to:

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| ✓ Meet new people   | ✓ Take on new challenges   |
| ✓ Try new things  | ✓ Develop the skills and confidence to take on their next steps                                      |
| ✓ Give back to their local community through voluntary action | ✓ 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 would normally attend school to give an assembly and allow your teen the chance to express their interest in coming away with us. This year, to keep a safe distance, we'll tell your teen about the programme via a video that will be shown on in their tutor groups during the week of the 26<sup>th</sup> April and we'll ask them to sign up online at [wearencs.com](http://wearencs.com). If you are interested in viewing the video yourself just follow the link below.

[NCS Summer 2021 - YouTube](#)

If your teen does want to register 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. If they do 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.

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A place on NCS is worth around £1500. 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 that everyone can do NCS so there are bursaries available if you need some help to cover the cost.

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

**26th July - 3 weeks (Includes 1 week residential stay away from home)**

**16th August - 2 weeks (Does not include residential but instead an activity day)**

For more information Frequently asked questions can be found at [wearencs.com/faqs](https://wearencs.com/faqs). Similarly, if you want to ask a question it can be posted on the Padlet link below and we will put an answer to it as quickly as possible.

<https://padlet.com/avoller1/zgw75g8ccmtolmh8>

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

Warm wishes,

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