

19th February 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

We are delighted to inform you that this summer we have again partnered with National Citizen Service, a government funded programme for 15 -17 year olds. This is something we as a school are excited to be a part of, as we see the positive impact NCS has on young people and their personal development. We would highly recommend this unique and valuable opportunity, and hope you too will encourage your child to take part.

What is NCS?

NCS is an amazing experience, which to date more than 375,000 young people have done and this summer over 100,000 more will take part. NCS takes place in the summer holidays, you can start whenever suits you, and lasts for 4 weeks;

Week 1, Adventure. This takes place at an outdoor activity centre (Monday – Friday) and is a chance for the team to meet each other and take place in some amazing activities like rock climbing, canoeing and abseiling.

Week 2, Discovery. This takes place residentially (Monday – Friday) locally to yourself and helps young people develop life skills that will set them ahead in life. Things like confidence, leadership and communication skills. As well as just having lots of fun with new friends.

Week 3 & 4, Make your Mark. This takes place over 2 weeks (these are non-residential), during the first week young people design a community action project about something they are truly passionate about and in the second week they make that plan reality, and make the change they want to see.

Why do NCS?

- NCS looks good on UCAS statements and CV's
- NCS will help your child develop the skills employers want
- NCS gives young people a chance to meet lots of new people
- NCS helps your child be heard in their local community
- NCS is great fun and a chance to enjoy themselves over the summer holidays

How much will it cost?

NCS costs over £1,500 a place to run, however the vast majority of this cost is covered by government funding. As such NCS will only cost you a maximum of £50. That covers everything whilst they're away; food, accommodation, activities and accommodation.

However, as we are supporting NCS every pupil at the school will get the opportunity to get their place at a discount price of **£35!** During the assembly on Wednesday 21st February, they will be given a sign-up pack including a £15 off voucher, as long as you complete the form and return it to NCS with cash or cheque (payable to UFA) for £35 by 28th February at the latest.

If you would like any other information about the NCS programme please do not hesitate to call NCS on 0121 766 1303 or email ncs@ufa.org.uk. Again, we truly see the value in NCS and hope you will too.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Reynolds', written in a cursive style.

Mrs A Reynolds
Principal