

16<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

We are delighted to inform you that 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 475,000 young people have taken part in with this figure only set to rise further. NCS takes place in the summer holidays; you can start whenever suits you, and lasts for 4 weeks;

#### **Phase 1 – Adventure**

Monday to Friday: residential stay at an outdoor activity centre, taking part in adrenaline-fuelled activities such as high ropes, rock climbing, archery, raft building and zip-wire. This week builds team-working, communication and leadership skills as well as developing confidence and getting to know the team in a fun environment. (Transport and food provided)

#### **Phase 2 – Discovery**

Monday to Friday: residential stay. This phase is all about independent living, taking part in a wide variety of workshops such as first aid, self-defence, business challenges and working with high profile organisations such as the Dame Kelly Holmes Trust. (Transport and food provided)

#### **Phase 3 – Social Action**

This phase is a chance to make a difference and have a say in the local community. Young people on NCS spend a maximum of two weeks using all the skills they've developed so far to put together their very own social action project, designing, planning and delivering it, to make their mark and leave a lasting impression in their local area.

#### **Celebration Event**

This is a chance to celebrate everyone's achievements in completing NCS, where all graduates of the programme receive a certificate signed by the Prime Minister. This is a great opportunity to see the impact NCS can have on young people.

#### **Why Young People Take Part**

- Challenge themselves and make life-long memories with new friends
- Discover interests without the fear of failure
- Learn skills for work and life and build an amazing CV
- Invest in their future, get a head-start and stand out
- UCAS recommends students include NCS in their personal statement

### **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 a maximum of £50. That covers everything whilst students are away including food, accommodation and activities.

However, as we are supporting NCS, every year 11 student will get the opportunity to gain a place at a discounted price of **£35**. During the assembly on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November, they will be given a sign-up pack including a £15 off voucher, as long as the form is completed and returned to NCS with cash or cheque (payable to NCS) for £35 by 21<sup>st</sup> November at the latest.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of NCS please do not hesitate to contact the NCS Team on 01522 574101 or email your queries to [ncs@the-ebp.co.uk](mailto:ncs@the-ebp.co.uk). You can visit the website at [www.ncsyes.co.uk](http://www.ncsyes.co.uk) or follow them on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/ebpuk](http://www.facebook.com/ebpuk) and twitter @ebp-uk for further information.

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