



Dear Parent/Guardian

I am writing to inform you that Year 11 had an assembly this morning about the National Citizen Service (NCS). NCS is a great way for pupils to develop the skills they will need in life and will help them stand out when applying for university or a job.

### **What is NCS?**

NCS is an amazing experience, in which, to date more than 490,000 young people have participated 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 part in some amazing activities like rock climbing, canoeing and abseiling.

**Week 2, Discovery.** This takes place residentially (Monday – Friday) and helps young people develop life skills that will set them ahead in the future. 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 happens over 2 weeks (these are non-residential). During the first week young people design a community action project around 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 CVs
- NCS will help your son/daughter develop the skills employers want
- NCS gives young people a chance to meet lots of new people
- NCS helps your son/daughter be heard in their local community
- NCS is great fun and a chance to enjoy themselves over the summer holidays

UFA is the lead organization delivering NCS in Accrington, County Durham, Cornwall, Milton Keynes, Northampton, Suffolk and Wiltshire, Bath & North East Somerset.

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### **Dates**

There will be 6 different dates to choose from, each starting on a Monday and lasting for 4 consecutive weeks from Monday to Friday;

1<sup>st</sup> July,  
8<sup>th</sup> July,  
15<sup>th</sup> July,  
22<sup>nd</sup> July,  
29<sup>th</sup> July and  
5<sup>th</sup> August.

### **How much will it cost?**

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

However, as St John's supports this opportunity every year, each pupil at the school will have the opportunity to get their place at a discount price of just **£35!** At the assembly, they will be given a sign-up pack including a £15 off voucher, as long as you complete the form and return it with cash or cheque (payable to UFA) by the 11<sup>th</sup> February, it will only cost the discounted rate. Student bursaries are also available.

If you would like any other information about the NCS programme please do not hesitate to Matt on 07718475399, NCS head office on 0121 766 1303 or email [mbetts@ufa.org.uk](mailto:mbetts@ufa.org.uk). Again, the school and I truly see the value in NCS and hope you do too.

We will also be attending year 11 parents evening on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February to answer any queries.

Yours faithfully

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(NCS coordinator)

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