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Dear Parents/Carers

The National Citizens Service summer programme is now open. NCS is all about helping teenagers realise their potential by giving them a taste of independence and loading them up with new skills to achieve their future goals.

An assembly from the NCS team will be played to students on Thursday 11th March 2021.

The NCS programme gives students the opportunity 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. We've seen first hand what an amazing feeling of accomplishment and increased confidence this brings to students each year. Over a period of 2 or 3 weeks, students will:

- Meet new people
- Take on new challenges at an outdoor activity centre
- Give back to their local community through voluntary action
- Develop the skills and confidence to take on their next steps (money management, cooking, public speaking)
- Generate experience for their university/apprenticeship applications

There are two programme dates to choose from:

- **12th July – 3 week programme**, including a residential week, where your child will stay in accommodation overnight for four nights.
- **2nd August – 2 week programme**, with no residential aspect.

NCS are following government guidance on managing youth sector activities and spaces during COVID-19. Students will be in venues that have been selected and checked following rigorous guidelines and specifications to ensure the safest environment possible. More information can be found here: <https://wearencs.com/faqs>. If residential programmes are unable to go ahead due to COVID-19 restrictions, students should still be able to take part in the two non-residential weeks. However if that's not what they want to do, NCS will give them a full refund.

A place on NCS is worth around £1500. However, thanks to government funding, NCS only ask for a contribution of £50 to cover some basic costs. There are bursaries available for some eligible students to help to cover the cost; details can be found here: <https://wearencs.com/faqs>.

If you would like any other information about the NCS programme, please call NCS on 0800 197 8010 or visit <https://wearencs.com/>.

We truly value NCS as a transformative programme and hope you will encourage your child to take part.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'L Draycott'.

Ms L Draycott
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