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## Dear Parents/Carers

We are excited to be working with the National Citizens Service (NCS) this year, to deliver an unforgettable summer experience for students in Year 11.

NCS is an exclusive experience for 15–17-year-olds, giving them the opportunity to build skills for work and life on a 5 day residential away from home.

This is your child's chance to get back out into the world with their friends, take part in new challenges and meet new people, while gaining confidence and independence.

NCS away from home experiences are available across the country. Each experience is 5 days and 4 nights, and includes a variety of activities centred around one of three themes: LIVE IT, BOSS IT, or CHANGE IT. The experiences will boost your child's CV or their college or university applications, highlighting to employers and higher education providers the broader range of skills they've gained and their willingness to go beyond.

This year places are limited more than ever! A place on NCS is worth around £1200. However, thanks to government funding for the programme, NCS only ask for a contribution of £95. We want to ensure that everyone can do NCS so there are bursaries available which offer free places to those who are either eligible for free school meals, on an EHCP, in care or a young carer.

NCS visited Barr Beacon School to present the away from home opportunities to our pupils on Wednesday 29th March. To find out more on how to sign your child up, check out the Parent Pack or visit the NCS website <a href="https://wearencs.com/head-away-from-home">https://wearencs.com/head-away-from-home</a> to secure a place today!

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. We encourage everyone in Year 11 to take part.

Yours sincerely

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