



Dear Parent/Guardian

I am delighted to let you know that this year your child will be given the opportunity to register their interest in the National Citizen Service (NCS) summer 2021 programme - an exciting, unique opportunity that will allow your teen to get back out into the world with their mates, gain some new skills, make even more friends, AND make a difference by getting their communities back on their feet.

This year's NCS summer will either be a 2 or 3 week programme. We are following all Government guidelines with regards to COVID 19 to ensure that the programme is safe for all.

### **So, why do NCS?**

- Young people meet a network of amazing people
- It boosts employability skills
- It makes students CV's and UCAS statements stand out
- Young people can access future opportunities from top employers
- Young people face new challenges and learn a variety of skills
- Gives young people a chance to get their voice heard!

### **Is it for my young person?**

In one word – YES! NCS is a chance for 15 to 17-year-olds\* to come together and achieve amazing things. Let's face it – life's too short to be stuck indoors. So why not kick-start

their future with a summer they will never forget! Thanks to government backing, the most you'll ever pay for this unbeatable experience is £50, but this cost could be less or even free depending on your circumstances (just give our customer service team a call and they can help apply the discount if you are eligible). This provides you with transport (from our designated drop off and pick up point), food and accommodation during phase 1, food and accommodation during phase 2, plus they will even get NCS t-shirts!

### **The Programme:**

The programme takes place in the summer holidays over 2 or 3 consecutive weeks.

**Phase 1** will give your teen the chance to test and challenge themselves by trying out new high-octane adventures. They will also stay away from home (if they choose a three-week programme) and have food and transport provided.

**Phase 2** Your teen will learn the skills needed for work, further education, and independent living. Completing various workshops to enhance their skills and increase their self-confidence, your teen will pick up a lot in this phase.

**Phase 3** will allow your teen to plan their own project for a cause that's close to their heart and then action it to help their local communities and really make a difference.



**Phase 4** will allow them to let their hair down and celebrate everything they've achieved! They'll also receive a signed certificate from the Prime Minister.

### When can we take part in NCS?

Each programme will run for 2 or 3 weeks, Monday to Friday, depending on which of the start dates you choose from. Please see from list below which dates and locations are available for your teen and choose the location that is easiest for you;

Date	Programme Type	Locations
26 <sup>th</sup> July	2-week programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Winchester</li><li>• New Forest</li><li>• Eastleigh</li><li>• Gosport</li><li>• Havant</li><li>• Basingstoke</li></ul>
16 <sup>th</sup> August	2-week programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Basingstoke</li><li>• New Forest</li><li>• Eastleigh</li><li>• Winchester</li><li>• Gosport</li><li>• Havant</li></ul>

### Start your amazing journey:

You can visit <https://wearencs.com/sign-up-to-ncs> for more information about the programme and to sign up.

Places for the programme are on a first come first served basis and early application is advised as the programme has limited spaces. We highly recommend this unique and valuable opportunity and hope you will encourage your child to take part.

\*Equivalent to Year 11 and Year 12/First Year of College

Yours sincerely,

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