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THE SUMMER OF YOUR LIFE: NATIONAL CITIZEN SERVICE

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Dear Parent / Carer,

Staff from the National Citizen Service (NCS) spoke to Y11 students at Sir Robert Woodard Academy today and we'd like to give you some more information about the opportunity that awaits them in summer 2018.

NCS has been running since 2011 and now has nearly half a million graduates across the country! Summer 2018 is your son / daughter's opportunity to get involved and really shape their future.

This is a once in a lifetime experience that your teenager will never forget. GCSEs will be over and NCS is the perfect way to celebrate and learn new skills outside of the classroom. Best of all NCS is a government-funded programme and you will never contribute more than **£50** for the entire 4 weeks!

In 2017 we had 12 students from Sir Robert Woodard Academy join the NCS programme and with their support as graduates we are making this summer better than ever before!

So what does the programme involve?

Week 1: Adventure

A chance to let off some steam, take a step out of your comfort zone and get stuck in with a variety of awesome activities on a 5 day residential experience at one of the UK's largest outdoor activity centres. Transport, meals and accommodation are all provided.

Week 2: Discovery

A further five days in a university style environment where you will develop life skills like confidence, leadership and teamwork. Learn how to live independently and discover new skills in surroundings completely different to school or college.

Weeks 3 & 4: Action

Working in teams, you'll put your new skills into practice by planning and delivering a community project of your choice in your local area. This is your opportunity to make a lasting positive impact on something close to home. You can base this around your interests.

Celebration

Come back together as a team to relive the memories and celebrate your achievements. Pick up your certificate and find out about additional opportunities now you are an NCS graduate. We have youth boards and even job opportunities.

In Summer 2018 you have a choice of 2 programmes:

Wave 1 (Mon 2nd July – Fri 27th July)

2nd – 6th July - Boreatton Park, Shropshire (residential)

9th – 13th July - University of Brighton, Varley Park Halls (residential)

16th – 20th July & 23rd – 27th July - Live at home, we'll be using various venues in Adur and Worthing

Wave 2 (Tues 31st July – Fri 24th August)

31st July – 4th August - Avon Tyrell, New Forest (residential)

6th – 10th August - University of Brighton, Varley Park Halls (residential)

13th – 17th August & 20th – 24th August - Live at home, we'll be using to various venues in Adur and Worthing

Celebration – Wed 19th September 2018

We will round off your NCS experience with a celebration at Worthing Assembly Halls. Bring along a guest to show off what you have achieved and pick up your certificate signed by the prime minister. We will welcome you into the NCS Graduates club and you can find out about further opportunities such as Youth Boards, volunteering opportunities with the local NCS provider, Concordia, and Summer Mentor job roles. Use the certificate to boost your CV, UCAS application and to really stand out from the crowd at a job interview.



How much does it cost?

NCS is amazing value for money – the whole experience will cost you a maximum of **£50**. (This also includes transport, meals and accommodation during weeks 1 & 2). Why? Because the programme is backed by the government, which invests £1500 per place. No one should ever be prevented from taking part in NCS for financial reasons, which is why financial assistance is available. If this does apply to you please make our contact centre aware of your personal circumstances and they will discuss bursary options with you.

Meet up events

Places do fill up quickly, and once you have signed up we will contact you and keep you updated with all of the information that you need to know so that you can get the best out of your NCS experience. Before the start of your programme, we will give you several opportunities to meet up with your fellow Summer 2018 NCSers and Team Leaders, and to come and find out more about NCS. We also run a parents evening Q&A event in May. Our upcoming meet up events are shown here:

DATE	EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
Wed 14 th February	Meet Up 2	6.00pm – 7.00pm	St Georges Church Hall, Worthing
Sat 17 th March	Meet Up 3	11.00am – 2.00pm	Worthing Beach, (West of Worthing Pier)
Thurs 12 th April	Meet Up 4	3.30pm - 4.45pm	St George's Church Hall, Worthing
Wed 9 th May	Parents Evening	6.30pm – 7.30pm	Sir Robert Woodard Academy, Lancing
Wed 30 th May	Meet Up 5	5.00pm – 7.00pm	Victoria Park, Worthing

How to get involved

Your child will be able to complete a reservation form when NCS visits the school.

We are also taking sign-ups now, so you can find out more and apply online at www.ncsyes.co.uk. Or contact the friendly NCS team at Concordia, email: ncs.admin@concordiavolunteers.org.uk tel: 01273 422218.

Best wishes

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WHY SAY YES?

- UCAS recommends students include NCS in their personal statement
- You learn the skills employers value
- Learn to budget and live for yourself
- Meet incredible people
- Get your voice heard!

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