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Dear Parent/Carer

National Citizen Service (NCS)

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

NCS is an exclusive experience for 16-17 year olds, giving them the opportunity to develop skills for work and life, on a five day residential away from home. They will 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 five days and four nights, and includes a variety of activities centered around one of three themes; LIVE IT, BOSS IT, CHANGE IT. The experience 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 over £1,000. However, thanks to government funding, all NCS ask for is a maximum contribution of £95. This covers transport, food, accommodation, activities, and all the invaluable skill sessions your child will take part in. We want to ensure that everyone can participate in this experience, so bursaries are available which offer free places to those that are either eligible for free school meals, on an EHCP, in or have recently left care, are a young carer, or live in a household that is in receipt of universal credit.

NCS delivered and inspiring and exiting assembly to our Year 11 students last week to present this opportunity. To find out more and secure your child's place, please visit the NCS website <https://wearencs.com/>.

NCS is all about helping teenagers realise their potential, by giving them a taste of independence and arming them with new skills that will set them up to achieve their future goals. We encourage everyone in Year 11 to take part!

Yours faithfully,

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