

Dear Parent / Guardian,

Your son/daughter has shown an interest in National Citizen Service (NCS) during a year 11 assembly at school.

The NCS programme offers young people, aged 16-17, a once in a lifetime opportunity to 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. They'll also do something good for their local community, carrying out a project to support a cause they care about. We've seen first-hand what an amazing feeling of accomplishment and increased confidence this brings. Last August, teenagers on NCS donated 200,000 hours of their time to help rebuild their communities after the first lockdown, showing what a difference young people can make when they work together towards a goal.

Over a period of 2 or 3 weeks, they will have the opportunity to develop skills that they have missed out on over the last year due to Covid restrictions, these include:

Meet new people Try new things Give back to their local community through voluntary action Take on new challenges Develop the skills and confidence to take on their next steps Generate experience for their university application, job/apprenticeship interview or CV and more

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, whatever they may be. And this year, it's your teen's turn!

We will either be attending your son/daughters school or due to the current pandemic we may have delivered a virtual assembly; therefore, your son/daughter may be asked to sign up to the NCS programme online at wearencs.com.

If your teen does want to register their interest in taking part in NCS this summer, we will ask them to share your contact details. This is so that we can complete the administrative process required to get them signed up to a programme date. If they do let us know they're interested, we'll be in touch with you by email or phone to run through the steps we need to complete their booking.

A place on NCS is worth around £1500. However, thanks to government funding for the programme, we only ask for a contribution of £50 to cover some basic costs which can be paid in cash, online or by phone with a credit/debit card by ringing 0800 197 8010. Cheques can be made payable to Salford Foundation. This cost will cover all phases of the programme, including accommodation during the residential and all food for the duration of the programme. All dietary requirements will be catered for. A full refund

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can only be honoured within 14 days of receiving payment. If your preferred method of payment is via cash or cheque, please complete the form enclosed and return with payment to school in the envelope provided.

If personal circumstances make paying difficult, please contact a member of the team on the number below or your son/daughter can speak to the NCS coordinator working within their school. We will endeavour to arrange an alternative arrangement as a bursary scheme is available.

There are multiple start dates available this summer, including a 3-week model (1<sup>st</sup> week residential) and a 2-week model (No residential elements). Both models striving to produce the same high quality experience for the participants.

Wave	Week 1 (Start date)	Week 2	Week 3
Wave 1	Mon 5th - Fri 9th Jul 'Be Epic' Residential	Mon 12th - Fri 16th Jul 'Live Life' Skills Week	Mon 19th - Fri 23rd Jul 'Do Good' Social Action
Wave 2	Mon 12th - Fri 16th Jul 'Live Life' Skills Week	Mon 19th - Fri 23rd Jul 'Do Good' Social Action	2 weeks only
Wave 3	Mon 19th - Fri 23rd Jul 'Be Epic' Residential	Mon 26th - Fri 30th Jul 'Live Life' Skills Week	Mon 2nd - Fri 6th Aug 'Do Good' Social Action
Wave 4	Mon 26th - Fri 30th Jul 'Live Life' Skills Week	Mon 2nd - Fri 6th Aug 'Do Good' Social Action	2 weeks only
Wave 5	Mon 2nd - Fri 6th Aug 'Be Epic' Residential	Mon 9th - Fri 13th Aug 'Live Life' Skills Week	Mon 16th - Fri 20th Aug 'Do Good' Social Action
Wave 6	Mon 9th - Fri 13th Aug 'Live Life' Skills Week	Mon 16th - Fri 20th Aug 'Do Good' Social Action	2 weeks only

All our programmes will be Covid safe as we are following the government and the National Youth Agency guidance on managing youth sector activities and spaces during Covid-19. If residential programmes are unable to go ahead due to COVID-19 restrictions, the two week programmes will still go ahead meaning the start date will just be a week later if you are confirmed on the three-week model.

Further information will be sent to your home address/ or emailed, after receipt of the payment. A video link will also be sent out to our parent's information presentation.

For more information, please visit www.wearencs.com

We look forward to welcoming your teen on NCS this summer!

Warm wishes,

NCS Team

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