



Dear Parent/Carer,

We are excited to be working with Oasis Academy this year to deliver an unforgettable summer for students in Year 11.

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. 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.

More information on the NCS Summer Programme can be found below or on our website; [www.wearencs.com](http://www.wearencs.com)

Over a period of 2 weeks, they will;

- ✓ Meet new people
- ✓ Spend a week living at an outdoor activity centre.
- ✓ 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!

NCS Comes in three parts:

**Team bonding and adventure:** The first part of NCS is all about getting to know your team and taking part in some fun activities. We'll be spending the first week at an outdoor activity centre with plenty of exciting, team building activities such as climbing, kayaking, orienteering and more.

**Future Skills and Careers:** Now the team have bonded it's time to develop skills to help your teen with their NCS project and support them in future, including enterprise challenges, public speaking training, project management and all the things they wish they were taught in school.

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**Giving back to the local community:** After a week of fun, they'll be tasked with working in their teams to create a social action project. This could be anything they feel passionate about, from running a charity fun day, to creating a short film to raise awareness for a local issue, to supporting a community garden with a day of volunteering.

This week we attended the school to tell students about NCS and allow your teen the chance to express their interest in coming away with us.

If your teen is interested in taking part in NCS this Summer, you can register their place at [www.wearencs.com](http://www.wearencs.com). Once they are signed up, we'll be in touch with you by email or phone to talk through the next steps. We'll also be hosting an NCS presentation online on Wednesday the 19<sup>th</sup> of January for you to find out more about the programme and ask any questions you might have. Your school will send you a link for this event.

A place on NCS is worth around £1200. However, thanks to government funding for the programme we are able to offer places for only £50 this summer. We also offer non means tested bursaries to students who require a little financial support, so can reduce this price further. This way we can ensure that no one misses out on the experience. We can offer one on one support to teens with additional needs if required and will adapt activities to ensure they are suitable for all participants. We do ask that you complete your sign up early, so we are able to ensure we have time to put these measures in place.

There are two dates to choose from this summer to give you as much flexibility as possible:

July Programme: Starting 4<sup>th</sup> July 2022

August Programme: Starting 1<sup>st</sup> August 2022

Go to [wearencs.com](http://wearencs.com) to sign up or for more information. Frequently asked questions can be found at [wearencs.com/faqs](http://wearencs.com/faqs). Alternatively, if you have any questions, give us a call and we'll do our best to help you out: **0800 197 8010**

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

Warm wishes,

Simon Penhallow,

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