



Dear Parent/Carer,

We are excited to be working with Sandhill View Academy this year to deliver an unforgettable summer experience for students in year 11 and year 12.

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.

More information on the NCS summer programme can be found below or on our website;
Over a period of 2 or 3 weeks, they will;

- ✓ 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 would normally attend school to give an assembly and allow your teen the chance to express their interest in coming away with us. This year, to keep a safe distance, we'll tell your teen about the programme via a video that will be shown in school and we'll ask them to sign up 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.

We want to ensure that everyone can do NCS so there are bursaries available if you need some help to cover the cost.

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This summer, we've got a few start dates you can choose from.

These vary between 2 week and 3 week models.

Please note – the 3 week model includes a 5 day 4 night residential to Moor House Adventure Centre – please follow this link to take a look at the website - [Moor House Adventure Centre \(moor-house.org.uk\)](http://moor-house.org.uk)

The 2 week model is NON RESIDENTIAL. Please be mindful of this when choosing your programme date.

Programme Date Options

Monday 5th July 2021 – 3 WEEK MODEL (INCLUDES RESIDENTIAL TO MOOR HOUSE ADVENTURE CENTRE)

Monday 12th July 2021 – 2 WEEK MODEL (NON – RESIDENTIAL)

Monday 26th July 2021 – 2 WEEK MODEL (NON – RESIDENTIAL)

Monday 9th August 2021 – 3 WEEK MODEL (INCLUDES RESIDENTIAL TO MOOR HOUSE ADVENTURE CENTRE)

Go to wearencs.com to sign up or for more information. Frequently asked questions can be found at wearencs.com/faqs. Alternatively, if you have any questions or don't think these dates will work with your summer plans, 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,

Leann & Tom
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