

Dear parent/guardian,

Activate are delivering the NCS Community Programme at your child's school. We will be coming into school to talk to year 11 and year 12 students about the programme and the opportunities it can provide them with. I wanted to let you know about this ahead of the assembly to give you the chance to discuss it with your child.

You may already be familiar with the NCS residential programme. This new NCS Community Programme is delivered separately and is designed to engage young people across a more sustained period. It is specifically for 15 -17-year-olds and is fully funded.

If your child takes part in the programme, it will provide them with three distinct experiences which are designed to help them achieve their potential, develop their independence, and provide them with the skillset to thrive in the wider world. During the Community programme participants will take on exciting challenges and develop invaluable skills in the following three experiences: Leadership, Personal Development, and Social Action. We are committed to ensuring the programme is inclusive and accessible to all young people.

Below is a brief outline of our curriculum for the NCS Community programme.

- *Leadership – This experience will cover sessions and workshops on styles of leadership, communicating, planning, creating, and adapting. These are key life skills and help with independent living.*
- *Personal Development – This experience will provide every young person with accredited qualifications including first aid, food hygiene level 2, health and safety and safeguarding amongst others. This experience focuses on employability, work readiness and life skills. By upskilling every young person with these qualifications, we hope to improve CV's, empower young people, and give them nationally recognised qualifications. The delivery of these qualifications will be a mixture of face to face and online, allowing young people to learn independently and collectively.*
- *Social Action – This experience will enable the participant to deliver a social action project in their community. They will be empowered to create their own programme of volunteering based on their previous two experiences.*

We will be running the programme, at school, as an option for year 12 during their enrichment sessions on a Wednesday afternoon and as an extra-curricular option for year 11, after school, on a Wednesday.

If you would like your child to take part, all you need to do is sign up via our online form. The link to this form is below and it should only take 10 minutes to complete.

<https://forms.office.com/e/jEmXuPNyCb>

If you would like to find out more about what NCS do, please follow this link to their website [About us | National Citizen Service \(wearencs.com\)](http://www.wearencs.com)

Kind regards,

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