



Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are excited to be working with Ripley St Thomas Church of England Academy this year to deliver an unforgettable summer experience for students in years 11 and 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 weeks, they will;

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| ✓ Meet new people   | ✓ Take on new challenges   |
| ✓ Try new things  | ✓ Develop the skills and confidence to take on their next steps                                      |
| ✓ Give back to their local community through voluntary action | ✓ 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!

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We attended school on the 7<sup>th</sup> February to talk about the NCS programme. We answered any questions your teen may have had (at a safe distance, of course) and showed them a short video.

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If your teen does want to register their interest in taking part in NCS this summer, please go to the NCS website [www.wearencs.com](http://www.wearencs.com)

A place on NCS is worth around £1200. 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 in July and August:

11<sup>th</sup> July in Preston  
18<sup>th</sup> July in Kendal  
25<sup>th</sup> July in Lancaster  
1<sup>st</sup> August in Preston

Places are filling fast on these programmes!

Frequently asked questions can be found at [wearencs.com/faqs](https://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,  
Emma  
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