

25th January 2016

Dear Parent/Carer

As part of our Learning for Life programme, arrangements have been made for the National Citizen Service (NCS) to attend St Margaret's next Tuesday morning, 2nd February to give an introduction to students in Year 11. NCS is a government-backed programme for those aged 16-17, which takes place during the school holidays. It's a great way for young people to learn the skills for work and life they need to succeed in the future, whilst having an amazing time.

The next NCS programme runs during the summer holidays for students who are in years 11 and 12. Young people will be in teams with their friends and other students from local schools and colleges. Details are outlined below:

What happens on NCS?

- **Taster events:** Find out a bit more about what's NCS entails and meet NCS staff and other young people who will be taking part in your area.
- **Week 1:** Outward bound residential focusing on building team work and problem-solving skills, through a range of exciting outdoor activities such as abseiling, rafting and archery (5 days).
- Week 2: A second residential to learn independent living skills and focusing on issues in your local community with local businesses and charities (5 days).
- **Weeks 3 & 4:** In their teams, they'll work from a local community base to plan and implement a project to make a difference in your local community.
- **Graduation:** You'll be invited to celebrate their NCS achievements at a ceremony where they'll receive a certificate signed by the Prime Minister.

NCS costs a maximum of £50 for the full 4 week programme, with all accommodation, meals and activities covered during the residential weeks. NCS may also be able to offer bursaries to those who need financial support.

Following the NCS presentation, students will have the chance to show their interest by completing a short form.

If you would like to find out more about NCS, please either visit www.ncsingeus.co.uk or contact me at school.

Yours faithfully

Mrs W Crone

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