

Dear Parent or Carer,

Here at Outwood Academy Bishopsgarth we strive to put students first in everything we do. This includes our Year 11 students who will soon be taking their first steps in their future careers ensuring they become the very best possible citizens within the community.

As part of this journey we work with many external agencies which help develop our students and give them the skills and knowledge to succeed. I am happy to inform you that we have agreed a partnership with the National Citizen Service (NCS) who will give our Year 11 students the opportunity to develop their confidence and give many skills that will unleash the potential of the students who take part.

Please find a letter from NCS below which provides more details about one of the ways in which we are going to support our students over the coming weeks and I encourage all parents and students to read this and to consider signing up to this scheme. To support students we will be holding a number of assemblies and drop in sessions over the coming weeks which will help inform and encourage participation.

Our ethos at Outwood Academy Bishopsgarth is *Students first: raising standards and transforming lives* and I believe that our work with NCS will give all of our year 11 students the opportunity to develop and reach their potential.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can help with any further information.

Yours faithfully,

Andrew Maher
Associate Vice Principal



Dear Parent/Carer,

We are excited to be working with Outwood Academy Bishopsgarth this year to deliver an unforgettable summer experience for students in year 11. We would normally attend school to give an assembly, but this year, to keep a safe distance, we'll tell your teen about the programme via a live stream that will be shown on 6th May and we'll ask them to let us know if they're interested by filling in a short form, so we can contact them to discuss it further.

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. Teens deserve a break after the last year, NCS is a great way to do this as they can take part in something that will enhance their skills and have fun at the same time, we've seen first-hand what an amazing feeling of accomplishment and increased confidence this brings. Click this link to watch a short video about what their NCS experience could look like: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ruZ4wKYKkKg&t=22s>

Over a period of 2 or 3 weeks they will:

Develop the skills and confidence to take on their next steps

Meet new people

Give back to their local community

Try new things

Take on new challenges

Generate experience for their university application, job interview or CV and more!

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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, meaning you could pay as little as just £10.

This summer, we've got a few start dates you can choose from, with the option of a 2 or 3 week programme:

5th July – 3 week programme (including a 5 day 4 night residential at YHA Grinton Lodge)

19th July – 2 week programme (does not include a residential)

26th July – 3 week programme (including a 5 day 4 night residential at YHA Grinton Lodge)

9th August – 2 week programme (does not include a residential)

Go to wearencs.com to sign up and find out more details. If you have any questions, or you 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!

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