



Dear Parent/Guardian,



I am writing this letter to you in regards to your son/ daughter who may have previously expressed his/her interest in taking part in this year's **NCS** summer programme, but not yet signed up. It is a 3-week long course filled with exciting and interactive activities that will provide you with essential life skills for your future, and will fill you with a positive experience and fantastic memories over the summer holidays.

If you haven't signed up already, it's not too late to reserve your place with NCS today and be a part of the team full of exceptional individuals. There are still a limited number of places open for this summer.

Do not miss out on your child's opportunity to take part in a 3 week trip this summer worth over £1,500 for a maximum of only £50. This letter also gives you some more information regarding the summer programme, including details of the locations we will be at, and what your child will be doing during the programme.

Phase 1: Hautbois Residential & Activity Centre, Norfolk, 5 Great Hautbois Rd, Coltishall, Norwich NR12 7JN

Phase 1 of the NCS programme is all about the participants pushing themselves out of their comfort zone, with the aim of gaining in confidence and self-esteem. All of the adventure activities, such as rock climbing, kayaking and archery etc. are run by the fully trained Hautbois staff. The centre and staff will help to support the team of 15 students throughout the week, and adapt activities as much as possible to accommodate learner needs. The students are thrown straight into energisers and activities designed to get them interacting with each other, however, participants will never be forced to do anything they don't feel comfortable with. We will be camping for the week, and all of the equipment will be provided.

Phase 2: University of Nottingham, Nottingham NG7 2RD

Phase 2 is all about the students learning or improving on some key skills that can be transferred into the working world. There will be professional workshops on CV writing, interview practice and money management, all done in a fun environment that will help the students gain the most out of each session while having a great time doing it. This phase not only teaches participants to be more independent, but it also dramatically increases the students' confidence. We will invite a whole variety of different charity volunteers to come and speak to the students. Hopefully these talks will inspire the teams to look at how they can have a positive impact in their community. This is also when they will begin to plan the Social Action Project (SAP) that will be completed in phase 3.

Phase 3: Social Action Project. West Norfolk area – exact location to be decided in week 2 by the team.

Phase 3 is the only non-residential phase and involves students within their teams, designing and carrying out a 30-hour volunteering project to a given cause of their choice. Not only is it vital that participants design a project they are passionate about, but also one that showcases their skill sets. For example more hands-on students may choose to renovate a care home, creative students may make a music video to raise awareness for a given cause, and students interested in business management may organize a project that raises over £1000 for charity like many of the teams achieved last summer. Not only does this phase give the students a greater sense of pride and self-

worth, but it also gives them something invaluable to put on any CV /UCAS or job applications for the future. We encourage the participants to focus on an area/charity local to them so that travelling to and from their SAP isn't an issue. However if the students want to do their volunteering slightly further afield we do everything to we can to facilitate this. The team are expected to find their own way to and from the SAP, obviously public transport is encouraged.

All transport, food and accommodation for phase 1 and 2, is included in the price of sign-up, all for £50. So don't miss out on this truly once in a lifetime opportunity! To sign up, head to www.ncscwa.co.uk, call us on **01945468342/01553815209** or fill out your application form and send this back to us. We also have a number of parent information evenings coming up which you can attend and sign up on the night:

21st June – The College of West Anglia – Kings Lynn Campus

26th June – The College of West Anglia – Wisbech Campus

28th June – The College of West Anglia – Kings Lynn Campus

Kind Regards
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