

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are excited to be working with Ely college this year to deliver an **unforgettable summer experience for students in** year 11.

The NCS programme offers young people, 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 social action project to support a cause they care about.

We've seen first-hand what an amazing feeling of accomplishment and increased confidence this brings. Throughout the pandemic, teenagers on NCS donated well over 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.

This summer it's your teen's turn! Over a period of 2 weeks they will;

Meet new people
Stay away from home for 5 days
Give back to their local community through voluntary action

Take on new challenges

✓ Develop the skills and confidence to take on their next steps

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

We will be attending Ely college on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February to deliver an assembly followed by an outdoor break stand to talk more about the NCS programme. We'll answer any questions your teen may have and give them a chance to register their interest for the summer 2022 programme.

When your teen registers their interest, we will ask them to share your contact details. This is so we can get in touch with you by email or phone to give you more information and run through the steps needed, should they wish to secure their place on the programme.

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. These are available to those who are either:

- Eligible for free school meals
- On an EHCP
- In or have recently left care
- A young carer

## During the summer, we've got three start dates your teen can choose from:

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- WAVE 1: Monday June 27<sup>th</sup>
- WAVE 2: Monday July 11<sup>th</sup>
- WAVE 3: Monday Aug 1<sup>st</sup>

## More information on the NCS summer programme can be found on our website: wearencs.com

If you have any questions, please contact us:

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Alternatively call **0800 197 8010** 

We look forward to welcoming your teen on NCS! Warm wishes,

Kim Jeffries and Becky Nerou Cambridgeshire County Council's NCS Team.

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