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Dear Parent / Guardian

Fast Forward Their Future – Sign Up Today! National Citizen Service 2014/15

National Citizen Service (NCS) returns to Lincolnshire this summer with more places than ever before. The EBP has now been running NCS for 3 years and is delighted to invite your son/daughter to take part in its biggest programme to date.

NCS develops young people's skills through residential activities, skills development days supported by local and national employers and taking part in rewarding volunteering projects, all while making new friends and having fun! To make NCS even more attractive to young people and parents, the programme is recognised by UCAS, Universities, colleges and employers and is a real boost to a young person's CV in a competitive market.

NCS takes place 3 times per year (out of school time) and is specifically designed for young people in **academic years 11 and 12 (16 – 17 years old)**, no matter what their capability. There are 3 start dates available this summer as well as shorter versions of the programme taking place during the autumn and spring half terms.

To register for more information, please complete the enclosed form and return it in the PREPAID envelope. We will then send an information pack to your home address. In the meantime, please visit ncsem1.org.uk or facebook.com/ncsem1.

Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. There is a **£35** charge to take part in NCS, or you may be eligible for a bursary. This includes travel, accommodation during the two residential weeks and food. NCS is broken down into phases, all aimed at developing young people's skills, please see overleaf and the attached leaflet for details.

Your faithfully

THE NCS EM1 TEAM
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What is NCS?

You can read more about NCS in the enclosed leaflet, but as a summary, NCS is broken down into the following phases. NCS Takes place during the Summer Holidays and February and October Half Terms.

- **Phase 2** – Outdoor Adventure Residential. Young people meet their team and mentor. Spend time at an adventure centre to develop teamwork and confidence. *Summer: 5 Days (Mon – Fri) / Autumn and Spring: 4 days (Fri - Mon).*
- **Phase 3** – Skills Development. Work with businesses to develop the skills that will help a young person stand out from the crowd. *Summer: 5 Days (Mon – Fri, residential) / Autumn and Spring: 3 Days (Tues, Weds and Thurs, non-residential)*
- **Phase 4** – Social Action Planning. Plan how the team can make a difference. *Summer 5 Days (Mon – Fri, non-residential) / Autumn and Spring 1 day (Friday)*
- **Phase 5** – Social Action Delivery – Put new skills into action, spend 30 hours of volunteering to make a difference in the local community. *All Programmes, 30 hours (non-residential)*
- **Phase 6** – Graduation, celebrate and receive a certificate signed by The Prime Minister.

NCS Testimonials

Over 800 young people from Lincolnshire have already taken part in NCS with us, below are some of their comments as well as some from parents and other individuals.

“Since taking part in NCS, my confidence has increased. I didn't know anyone before when I joined and was a bit nervous, but I met so many awesome people within the first few days! Also, my leadership and teambuilding skills have improved, as I had to take charge in a group and guide them through each activity”

NCS Participant 2013

“Best thing that my son ever participated in. Totally changed him in the most fantastic way and the workers were amazing.”

Parent, 2012

“They do the most amazing activities, abseiling, rafting, canoeing and they take them away for two weeks each year I mention this (NCS) I get the most amazing feedback.”

Martin Lewis, Money Saving Expert

In doing NCS, they also learn a great deal about themselves, about other people and about how to get things done. And that is why it matters. NCS lets young people lead. And when they lead and lead well – change happens.

College Director

“NCS was great because, not only did it give me the confidence and means to give back to the community, but I've also made loads of new friends I wouldn't have met otherwise, plus built up my teamwork and leadership skills.”

NCS Participant 2013



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