

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are excited to be working with Lymm High School this year to deliver an unforgettable summer experience for students in year 11.

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 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.

More information on the NCS summer programme can be found below or on our website; Over a period of 2 weeks they will;

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| ✓ Meet new people | ✓ Take on new challenges |
| ✓ Stay away from home for 5 days | ✓ Develop the skills and confidence to take on their next steps |
| ✓ Give back to their local community through voluntary action | ✓ Generate experience for their university application, job/apprenticeship interview or CV and more! |

NCS is all about helping teenagers realise their potential by giving them a taste of independence and loading them up with new skills that set them up to achieve their future goals, whatever they may be. And this year, it's your teen's turn!

We will be attending Lymm High School week commencing the **10th January** to talk more about the NCS programme (at a safe distance of course). 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 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. When they 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 £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 to cover the cost. Bursaries are available to those who are either:

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

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This summer, we've got a few start dates that you can choose from:

Wave 1: 27th June – 8th July

Wave 2: 11th July – 22nd July

Wave 3: 25th July – 5th August

Wave 4: 8th August – 19th August

Please note places are allocated on a first come first served basis and we usually manage a waiting list once dates are full.

Don't just take our word for it, here's some feedback from Summer 2021:

I had such a wonderful group of people who really grew in confidence (me included) and such good team leaders. There was always something to do and we were never pressured to do anything, the activities were so fun and energising and I really got a lot from NCS. it was an amazing experience and I'd want everyone to take part in it! – Jasmine, Warrington

Boosted my daughter's confidence. A great time to make new friends just before she starts at a new sixth form college – Lymm High School Parent

Brilliant way to get young people interacting with each other and the community. Gives them confidence and a sense of purpose – St Gregory's Catholic High School Parent

Great project my daughter opened up to new friends and had a great time we will definitely be sending my son in 2 years! – Culcheth High School Parent

It was truly an amazing experience, I was unsure at first whether I'd enjoy it but I am so so glad I overcame my fears and did it! Such a good use of my summer- I learnt so many skills, really felt I'd gained independence and met so many new people. I'd definitely recommend it! – Josie, Warrington

Go to wearencs.com to sign up or for more information. Frequently asked questions can be found at wearencs.com/faqs. Alternatively, if you have any questions or 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!

Warm wishes,
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