

11th February 2022

**Parents and Carers
of TQEA Y11 Students**



**The Queen Elizabeth
Academy**

“We Can and We Will”

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are excited to be working with NCS this year to deliver an unforgettable summer experience for students in year 11. NCS programmes offer young people a once in a lifetime opportunity to do something meaningful with their summer break.

During their time on NCS they will have experiences and develop skills they can rely on during university, apprenticeships, and their career. Participants will 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.

NCS lasts 2 weeks (Monday – Friday), during which participants will: meet new people and stay away from home for five days, take on new challenges and develop the skills and confidence to take on their next steps. They will also get their chance to give back to their local community through volunteering action.

NCS will be coming into The Queen Elizabeth Academy on Tuesday 15th February to talk more about the programme. They will answer any questions your teen may have and give them the chance to register their interest for the summer 2022 programme.

A place on NCS is worth around £1200. However, thanks to government funding for the programme, NCS will only ask for a contribution of £50 to cover some basic costs. They want to ensure that everyone can do NCS so there are bursaries available to those who are eligible for free school meals, have an EHCP, are in or have recently left care, or are a young carer.

There are several start dates to choose from: go to wearencs.com to find out availability in the area for your teen and encourage them to sign up for a summer they will not forget!

If you have any questions, give NCS a call and they will be able to help: **0800 197 8010**
Frequently asked questions can be found at wearencs.com/faqs.

Yours sincerely

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