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Dear Parent/Carer

On Friday 30 November all Year 11 will be given an assembly all about National Citizen Service (NCS). We really believe this is an amazing opportunity and we would like as many students to take part as possible. NCS is a great way for students to develop the skills they will need in life and will help them stand out when applying for university or employment.

What is NCS?

NCS is a fantastic experience in which more than 430,000 young people have participated and this summer over 100,000 more will take part. NCS takes place in the 2019 summer holidays and lasts for 4 weeks. Students can start whenever suits them as there are various dates available.

Week 1: Adventure. This is residential, Monday to Friday, and takes place at one of the best outdoor activity centres in the UK. This is a chance for the team to meet each other and take part in some amazing activities like rock climbing, kayaking and abseiling.

Week 2: Discovery. This takes place residentially (**University of Surrey, Guilford**) and helps young people develop life skills that will set them ahead in the future. Things like confidence, leadership and communication skills - as well as just having lots of fun with new friends.

Week 3 & 4: Make Your Mark. This happens over 2 weeks (**these are non-residential**) at Tresham College. During the first week young people design a 'make a difference' project about something they are truly passionate about. In the second week they make that plan a reality and bring about the change they want to see.

Why do NCS?

- NCS looks good on UCAS statements and CVs
- NCS will help your child develop the skills employers are looking for
- NCS gives young people a chance to meet lots of new people
- NCS helps your child be heard in their local community
- NCS is great fun and a chance for young people to enjoy themselves over the summer holidays

How much will it cost?

NCS costs over £1,500 per place to run per person however; the vast majority of this is covered by government funding. Therefore, NCS will cost you a maximum of only £50. This covers everything whilst they're on NCS; food, accommodation and activities.

Kingswood Secondary Academy supports NCS, every student at the Academy will get their place at a further discounted price of just £35! At the assembly, all students will be given a sign-up pack, and as long as you return it with cash or cheque (payable to UFA) for £35 by 7 December at the latest, your child will get the discounted price. After this date the price will increase to £50. For students on pupil premium or free school meals, the cost is fully funded (no cost to pay) – simply write FSM in the comments section of the application.

We would strongly recommend doing this as year on year, NCS sells out due to it being the ideal gateway into further education or work experience. This year, there are just 1,100 places across Northamptonshire available.

If you would like any other information about the NCS programme please do not hesitate to call our head office on 0121 766 1303 or email ncs@ufa.org.uk. Again, we truly see the value in NCS and hope you do too.

Yours faithfully

Mrs S Mandziuk
Head of Year 11