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Re: National Citizenship Service (NCS)

Tuesday 30th April 2024

Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s)

This week, we will be sharing the NCS programme with your son/daughter; NCS stands for: [National Citizen Service \(NCS\)](#), which is a government-funded summer experience for 15-17-year olds. Designed as a way for students to build new skills, meet new people, and live new adventures, it is an excellent way for students to develop their skills for future employment and study. The key part of the programme is a five-day residential experience, with other students from London – these opportunities have just gone 'live'.

The government state that. '.... NCS gives young people the chance to build their confidence and make a difference in their community, and it's the perfect addition to any CV, personal statement, or UCAS form. It's a head start on their next step in life, and so far over 300,000 young people have taken part.....'

NCS programmes are delivered by a network of youth and community organisations including charities. The Challenge, the country's largest provider of NCS, is going to have over 700 places available in Barking & Dagenham and Havering in summer 2018. Each place costs less than £100 through government backing, and financial assistance can be requested. This fee covers all meals, kit, and accommodation for the duration of the programme. Once your son/daughter completes their NCS journey, they attend their graduation and receive a signed certificate from the Prime Minister. NCS graduates continue to get access to lots of opportunities, so the programme doesn't just end there. Please note that these NCS opportunities are organised independently of the school and the school does not risk assess or take any responsibility for the programme.

In particular, we are highlighting NCS as an opportunity for students who may not have yet secured a work shadowing placement, as we are aware how difficult it can be to secure a placement. At the time of this letter, vacancies are currently available for week-long residential opportunities for the week of 8th and 22nd July. If your son/daughter chose to take part in the NCS programme, for either of these dates, then the school could consider this in lieu of work shadowing during the week of 15th-19th July. Of course, your son/daughter can apply for the NCS opportunity in addition to any work shadowing they have organized for 15th-19th. Of course, a [leave of absence request](#) would still need to be completed if your son/daughter was completing NCS during the week of 8th July.

Please [click here to access the latest NCS opportunities](#) – please note places are likely to be taken very quickly so you will need to act first in order to be considered for a place on the program.



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If your son/daughter was accepted onto the NCS programme, then please email my colleague Mrs Donnellan (mdo@cooperscoborn.co.uk) so that we can make a note alongside our work shadowing records.

Yours sincerely

Mr R Bell

Deputy Head & Director of 6th Form