



Dear Parent/Guardian,

On **Friday 12th January**, an assembly was shown to your teen launching the NCS programme.

NCS is an opportunity that helps 15–17-year-olds (Year 11 and 12) to build skills for work and life, take on new challenges, meet new people and make a difference in their local community. 750,000 young people have already completed the programme and are out there reaping the benefits of taking part.

The sign-up process is just three short steps away.

Step 1: Visit <https://wearencs.com/> to find your programme and register your interest.

Step 2: Choose your theme – we have 3 different programme themes to choose from:

Live It: *Live it up on this 5-day adventure away from home, getting stuck into adrenaline filled activities. Get life hacks you didn't know you needed and achieve things you didn't think were possible. All while building your confidence, independence and making new mates along the way!*

Change It: *Your chance to change your community, or even the world! On this 5-day trip you'll channel your passion into making a difference and creating change. This action-packed week kicks off with adrenaline fuelled activities before helping you discover how to leave a legacy.*

Boss It: *Unlock your potential in just 5 days at university accommodation! Turn your hobby into cash, discover careers you didn't know existed, and boost your online professional profile. Get the tools and connections you need to take control of your career and earn the success you deserve.*

Step 3: Choose your dates – you also find the dates on offer by visiting the website. We have dates across the year so you can fit us into any plans you may have!

Just select a date that works for you, there are lots of dates to choose from so hopefully you can fit us nice and easily into your plans!

Dates:

- 15th July – 19th July
- 22nd July – 26th July
- 29th July – 2nd August
- 5th August – 9th August
- 12th August – 16th August
- 19th August – 23rd August
- 21st October – 25th October

Where will your child be staying?

The closest programme to Bishop Challoner Catholic Secondary School will take place at: **YMCA Fairthorne Group, Fairthorne Manor, YMCA, Southampton, SO30 2GH**. Help us by supporting your teen with getting to



Fairthorne Manor on Monday and returning home on Friday – this could be dropping them off and picking them up, or by public transport – and leave the rest to us.

Why sign up to NCS?

There are many benefits of NCS, including:

- Enhancing their CVs;
- NCS enhances college applications;
- NCS is recognised by UCAS and will benefit their personal statements;
- NCS improves confidence and offers skills essential for starting work;
- Your teen can gain new skills and start to become more independent;
- NCS allows your teen to volunteer to help their local community;
- Allows them the chance to stay away from home.

To complete your application to NCS, visit <https://wearencs.com/>. You will then be emailed a medical form which you should complete and return to us. NCS does have a fee attached of **£95**, so this will also need to be paid to confirm your place on the programme. **Please note:** if your child is entitled to free school meals or is a pupil premium student, then they can receive a bursary and will get a place on programme for **FREE**.

If you have any further questions, please visit the FAQ page on our website or call 0800 197 8010.

We are looking forward to supporting your child on their NCS experience.

Best Wishes,

Ingeus NCS Recruitment Team.