



Dear parent/guardian,

National Citizen Service (NCS) are visiting Macmillan Academy to offer an amazing opportunity during the summer holidays.

Macmillan Academy are a big advocate of NCS and we actively encourage students to get involved. NCS is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity open to Year 11 students and there are start dates right across the summer 2017.

The programme begins with a week experiencing the freedom of living away from home at an outdoor activity centre. Participants from Macmillan Academy will be visiting places like the Lake District or the Northumberland borders and will take part in a whole range of adrenaline-fuelled activities such as High ropes, abseiling and canoeing. They'll get to know their NCS family, build confidence and leadership skills and achieve things they never thought possible.

Week two is all about building skills for life; whether it's budgeting, cooking a meal for themselves and their NCS friends, or taking part in workshops. Whilst living away from home in accommodation in the Middlesbrough area, they will work with organisations and local businesses to understand the community around them, and the world of opportunity that awaits.

When they return home, they will work together in teams to design, plan and deliver their own social action project on something they feel passionate about. This is the time to put everything they've learnt along the way into practice and make a lasting difference to the local area.

NCS is designed to be an 'experience to change lives', builds CVs, offers a chance to meet new people, take on new challenges and fast forward futures. NCS is recognised by UCAS, so is useful for university applications and is also recognised by national employers such as Carillion and Aldi as well as regional apprenticeship providers, who offer guaranteed first-interviews to NCS graduates.

NCS is backed by the government, who heavily subsidise each place. The true cost of the programme is around £1,400 but no young person will pay more than £50 to take part, which includes everything; all food, accommodation, transport and activities. Any students in receipt of free school meals are eligible for a bursary, reducing the cost further to £10.

Places are limited and get booked up fast. Already, over 1000 young people from across the North East have expressed their interest.

To reserve a place parents or students should call 0191 247 4020 or visit www.ncsnortheast.co.uk

Yours sincerely,

Stuart Smith

NCS Recruitment Coordinator

*Participants must be 16 years of age by 31st August. The programme is also open to any students with additional needs, up to the age of 25 depending on circumstances.

** Places are allocated on a first-come first-served basis. Further dates may be available in your local area although programme details as outlined above may differ; please call NCS on 0191 247 4020 to find out more.