



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Childwall Sports and Science Academy would like to encourage you and your child to consider taking part in the fantastic opportunity offered by NCS during the summer holidays. We have promoted this programme for years and many pupils have benefitted from the experience, returning to education revitalised, with strengthened focus and heightened confidence and maturity.

We have introduced to opportunity to our Year 11s this week and NCS staff are on site on Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April to collect application forms during lunch time.

You can also sign up online via the website [www.wearencs.com](http://www.wearencs.com)

If you have any questions either contact NCS directly or speak to Mrs Koermer, our Careers Manager at Childwall.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Tomlinson Head of Year 11 and Mrs Koermer, Careers Manager

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We are Catch22 and we deliver the NCS (National Citizen Service) programme. NCS was launched in 2011 and since its inception is now one of the biggest youth movements in Europe.

## **NCS: what's it all about?**

Designed for 15-17 year olds, NCS is an inclusive summer programme that helps teens get the skills, experience and self-belief they need to achieve their potential - and smash their future goals.

Founded on the principles of social cohesion, social engagement and social mobility, NCS aims to make a life-changing difference to young people and how they approach life after school (something that can be daunting for even the most confident teens).

In just a few weeks, they'll mix with new people from different backgrounds, conquer big challenges, pick up some invaluable skills and get the confidence they need to live independently. They will even take part in a social action project to do good in their local community. It's the perfect stepping stone into adult life – just ask the 600,000 young people who've taken part.

NCS is broken down into 4 different phases and each phase has been carefully developed to build a wide variety of skills and experiences to help the growth of all it's participants. Check those phases out below.

**Phase 1: Be Epic** In their first week, students will live away from home and nurture their adventurous side. Stepping outside of their comfort zone, they might find themselves swinging from the high ropes, building winning rafts, or scaling a wall. But one thing we can guarantee is by Friday night they'll feel fearless (and pretty worn out)!

**Phase 2: Live Life** Students will enjoy another five days away from home with their new-found friends. They'll get a crash course in adulting and pick up skills they need to set them up for life. By the time they're done, they'll have the confidence to speak to a room full of people without freezing up and will know a whole lot more about what they want from life after school. **Phase 3: Do Good** Fuelled by the first two weeks, students will have the opportunity to use their voice to make a lasting impact.

**Phase 3: Do Good** gives students the chance to deliver an impressive 'passion project' – something that's previously led to young people making a huge difference in their community, countrywide and even globally.

**Phase 4: Go Party** By this point, teens will have achieved A LOT – perhaps more than they ever thought possible. So before we send them off into the world of adulthood, we recognise and celebrate just how far they've come and present each young person with a certificate signed by the UK Prime Minister.

## **Health & Safety**

Don't worry, we're complying with current government guidelines and going above and beyond to ensure the health & safety is at the forefront of everything we do to protect all young people and staff.

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## The Cost

With every life changing experience comes with a price. NCS costs £1,500 per young person; this includes staffing, activities, activity leaders, travel and food. However, this cost is being heavily subsidised by your government. All we ask is for a small contribution of £50 to secure your young persons place on the programme. At NCS we don't let any financial barriers restrict young people from taking part. If your young person is entitled to *Free School Meals* or is on *Pupil Premium* then that price can be reduced. Just speak to us about this when you're signing up.

## Dates & Availability

NCS is spread out during the summer. Starting on the first week of July, we offer a wide variety of dates to help work around you. Summer holidays and trips are more important than ever, so we're happy to accommodate your summer commitments into making NCS work for you, just let us know!

The dates available in your local area are:

LIVERPOOL	
2 Week Experience	3 Week Experience
<b>Wave 1:</b> 05/07/2021	<b>Wave 2:</b> 12/07/2021
<b>Wave 3:</b> 19/07/2021	<b>Wave 4:</b> 26/07/2021
<b>Wave 5:</b> 02/08/2021	<b>Wave 6:</b> 09/08/2021
<b>Wave 7:</b> 16/08/2021	

If you sit down with your young person and discuss which dates are best for you and your household, then you can select a programme with either one of the NCS staff or by choosing the programme on the NCS website.

## How to sign up

NCS sells out every year and with Covid-19 guidelines and social distancing measures, places are extremely limited. The best and quickest option is to go on the NCS website and complete the sign-up form and secure your young person's place today!

If you do want anymore information about NCS, feel free to browse our website, there is plenty of experiences and stories for you to find: [wearencs.com](http://wearencs.com)

Currently, we are in the middle stages of recruitment for Summer 2021 and hope to sign up your young person to the programme. NCS is a once in a lifetime experience and we will be opening this opportunity up to your young persons school in the coming days. We hope you can encourage your young person to take part this summer, the benefits of NCS are amazing for the cost of the programme.

Many thanks  
Catch22, NCS Team

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