



Dear Parent/Guardian

I am delighted to let you know that this year your child will be given the opportunity to register their interest in the National Citizen Service (NCS) summer 2019 programme - an exciting, unique opportunity which connects young people from different backgrounds across Hampshire, builds confidence and inspires them to make a positive impact in their local area.

Personal Best Education (Mountbatten School Services Ltd) is the local provider of NCS, a government-funded programme. We deliver a part-residential programme which consists of 3 phases, Monday to Friday, after exams in the summer.

Why do NCS?

- Young people meet a network of amazing people
- It boosts employability skills
- It makes students CV's and UCAS statements stand out
- Young people can access future opportunities from top employers
- Young people face new challenges and learn a variety of skills
- Gives young people a chance to get their voice heard!

Is it for my young person?

In one word – YES! NCS is a chance for 15 to 17-year-olds* to come together and achieve amazing things. Let's face it – life's too short to be stuck indoors. So why not kick-start their future with a summer they will never forget! Thanks to government backing, the most you'll ever pay for this unbeatable experience is £50, but this cost could be less or even free depending on your circumstances. **If you sign up before Christmas you will get this fantastic opportunity for £35.** This provides you with transport (from our designated drop off and pick up point), food and accommodation during phases 1 and 2, plus you even get a free sleeping bag, t-shirt and hoodie!

The Programme:

The programme takes place in the summer holidays over 3 or 4 consecutive weeks.

Phase 1: Young people will experience the freedom of being away from home with new friends and get the chance to take part in adrenaline-fueled activities like: coasteering, surfing, total wipeout assault course and high ropes.

Phase 2: During phase two young people stay away from home at a local activity centre. They will take part in a different workshop each day in areas such as: media, sport, performing arts, design and carpentry.

Phase 3: Young people now get the chance to put all the skills and experiences developed in phases 1 and 2 into practice as a team, agreeing on a social action project that will make a difference to their local area.

Graduation: It's time to celebrate in style. We think it's only right that young people and their team should enjoy a well-earned reward for doing something truly inspirational in their community.

When can we take part in NCS?

Each programme will run for 3 or 4 weeks, Monday to Friday, depending on which of the start dates you choose from:

- 17th June 2019 (3 weeks)
- 24th June 2019 (4 weeks)
- 1st July 2019 (4 weeks)
- 8th July 2019 (4 weeks)
- 15th July 2019 (4 weeks)
- 22nd July 2019 (3 weeks)

Start your amazing journey:

You can visit <http://www.pb-education.co.uk/ncssummer2019/> for more information about the programme and to sign up. You can also contact our local NCS Events coordinator on 07714783565 or email harry.draycott@mountbatten.hants.sch.uk.

Places for the programme are on a first come first served basis and early application is advised as the programme has limited spaces. We highly recommend this unique and valuable opportunity and hope you will encourage your child to take part.

*Equivalent to Year 11 and Year 12/First Year of College

Yours sincerely

Harry Draycott
(NCS School Liaison coordinator)