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Dear Parents and Carers

Year 11 – NCS Information

This letter is for information purposes only - any questions and/or contact should be with NCS and they can be contacted through their website (address at the bottom of the letter).

NCS (National Citizen Service) has visited Rickmansworth School this term to introduce the NCS programme to all Year 11 students. NCS is a government-backed programme for those aged 16-17, which takes place during the School holidays. It is a great way for young people to learn the skills for work and life that they need to succeed in the future, whilst having an amazing time.

The next NCS programmes are running in the summer holidays for students who are in Years 11 and 12. Young people will be in teams with their friends and other students from local Schools and colleges. Details of the programme are outlined below:

What happens on NCS?

- **Taster events:** Before NCS officially starts, students will get the chance to meet the NCS staff and other young people who will be taking part in the programme in this area.
- **Week 1:** Outward bound residential to focus on team work, problem solving skills and pushing personal boundaries (5 days).
- **Week 2:** A second residential to learn independent living skills and to learn about the local community (5 days).
- **Week 3-4:** Work from a local community base to plan and implement a volunteering project to make a difference in the local community.
- **Graduation:** To celebrate students’ NCS achievements and receive a completion certificate signed by the Prime Minister.

NCS costs £50, with all accommodation and meals covered during the residential phases. NCS may be able to offer bursaries to those who need financial support. If you want to find out more in the meantime, or you son/daughter is interested in signing up, please visit NCSYES.CO.UK.

Yours sincerely

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