



# IXWORTH FREE SCHOOL

*"Providing a foundation for life"*

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

On the 9th January Year 11 will have an assembly all about National Citizen Service (NCS). We really believe this is an amazing opportunity and we would like as many pupils to take part as possible. NCS is a great way for pupils to develop the skills they will need in life and will help them stand out when applying for university or a job.

What is NCS?

NCS is an amazing experience, in which, to date more than 375,000 young people have participated and this summer over 100,000 more will take part. NCS takes place in the summer holidays, you can start whenever suits you, and lasts for 4 weeks;

Week 1, Adventure. This takes place at an outdoor activity centre (Monday – Friday) and is a chance for the team to meet each other and take part in some amazing activities like rock climbing, canoeing and abseiling.

Week 2, Discovery. This takes place residentially (Monday – Friday) local to yourself and helps young people develop life skills that will set them ahead in the future. Things like confidence, leadership and communication skills - as well as just having lots of fun with new friends.

Week 3 & 4, Make your Mark. This happens over 2 weeks (these are non-residential). During the first week young people design a community action project about something they are truly passionate about and in the second week they make that plan reality, and make the change they want to see.

Why do NCS?

- NCS looks good on UCAS statements and CVs
- NCS will help your son/daughter develop the skills employers want
- NCS gives young people a chance to meet lots of new people
- NCS helps your son/daughter be heard in their local community
- NCS is great fun and a chance to enjoy themselves over the summer holidays

How much will it cost?

NCS costs over £1,500 a place to run, however the vast majority of this cost is covered by government funding. As such, NCS will only cost you a maximum of £50. This covers everything whilst they're away; food, activities and accommodation.



However, as we are supporting NCS, every pupil at the school will get the opportunity to get their place at a discount price of just £35! At the assembly, they will be given a sign-up pack including a £15 off voucher, as long as you complete the form and return it with cash or cheque (payable to UFA) for £35 by 16th January, at the latest. Following this the price will increase back up to £50.

If you would like any other information about the NCS programme please do not hesitate to call Ruth, our NCS schools coordinator on 07736 293 627 or head office on 0121 766 1303 or email [ncs@ufa.org.uk](mailto:ncs@ufa.org.uk). Again, we truly see the value in NCS and hope you do too.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mrs P Parker". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small dot above the 'i' in "Parker".

Mrs P Parker  
**Head of Upper School**