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Monday 4th February

Dear Parent/Guardian,

National Citizen Service – Year 11s



Mayfield School and the Portsmouth National Citizen Service team would like to invite you to a parent/guardian information evening:

When: Monday 11th February

Time: 6.00pm

Where: Mayfield School

The National Citizen Service programme (NCS) is the Government's flagship initiative that provides young people aged 15 to 17 from all backgrounds with the opportunity to take on new challenges, learn new skills and make a difference within their local community.

We are delighted to tell you that your son/daughter will be given the opportunity to sign up to NCS this academic year for the summer holidays. NCS will look great on any young person's CV as the skills and experience they gain will match those that employers are looking for in potential employees.

The programme is a 4 week long experience, consisting of 4 phases:

Phase 1 – Adventure: Away residential in Dorset, participating in outdoor activities such as kayaking, paddle boarding, coastering. This week gives the young people the chance to relax and forget about the stresses of exams, meet new people, try new things and have fun.

Phase 2 – Discovery: Another residential at Fort Purbrook, where the young people will get the chance to learn about independent living by cooking for themselves and their team mates each night. They will also take part in a different

themed workshop each day to give them extra life skills to take away. This could be anything from First Aid, cooking, Enterprise or challenge days.

Phase 3 – Social Action: The last 2 weeks of the programme are non-residential and are based at The Pompey Study Centre and within the local community. This is the phase where the young people as a team get the chance to design and deliver a social action project in their community. They will spend the third week planning and the fourth week delivering.





Phase 4 – Celebration: Once the whole summer programme is finished, the young people get the chance to celebrate their achievements with family and friends through their graduation ceremony. They will get a certificate signed by the Prime Minister which they can take away and add to their CV or any job/university applications.

Delivering the programme costs £1,500 per head, but here at Pompey in the Community, **we are pleased to offer places on the NCS programme at a minimal cost of £50.** If your child is entitled to free school meals, pupil premium, on school bursaries or a young carer they **are entitled to the programme for £20.** The application fee covers all accommodation, food, transport and any specialist kit for the residential. If you have any queries, please get in touch.

We are also offering an early bird deal, whereby if your young person books their place on or before Thursday 14th February, either online or through the events in school, the total cost of the programme will be **£35.**

The NCS team will be in Mayfield School on a range of different dates so your son/daughter can find out more details about NCS and express their interest into the programme. The dates we will be at the school are:

Year 11 Assembly: **Monday 11th February 2019**
Lunchtime Sign Up session: **Thursday 14th February 2019**

Places for the summer programme are filling very quickly, so these events are a great way for your son/daughter to express their interest and confirm their place for next summer.

The information evening will be your chance to find out more about the programme and how your son/daughter can secure their place this year.

In the meantime, if you would like more information, please check out the NCS website at www.ncsyes.co.uk or alternatively, get in touch with the local Portsmouth NCS team.

We look forward to meeting you on Monday 11th February.

Yours sincerely,

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