



National Citizen Service (NCS) is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity open to 16 and 17 year olds. NCS helps young people build skills for work and life by encouraging them to take on new challenges and meet new people. We are hoping that a record breaking number of students from Bulmershe School will complete NCS in 2016.

NCS is a three part programme during the summer and October half term. The summer programme is open to all Year 11 and 12 students. The half term programme is for Year 12 students who are unable to take part in the summer.

Part 1: Get Active

Participants stay at an outdoors centre and take part in fantastic activities like abseiling, kayaking, hiking, rock-climbing and more.

Part 2: Get Involved

Participants stay in university-style accommodation, learn a new skill from an industry professional and interact with new people from the local community.

Part 3: Make Your Mark

Participants design a social action project to support their local community and pitch to win funding to make it happen.

Part 3 continued: The participants return to deliver their campaign and work with local charities.

Why do we at Bulmershe School consider it as an important part of transition?

Places at university, work and apprenticeships are increasingly more competitive. Exam results will remain important but employers and admissions tutors are looking for other skills including teamwork and leadership. NCS develops these skills. It is recognised by UCAS and can enhance the personal statement required by UCAS, add weight to job application and provide a good talking point during interviews.

Bulmershe School students who have previously taken part have described NCS as...

“The best summer I have ever had”

“I was really nervous attending but quickly made friends and loved it.”

“Can I go next summer?”



12 students completed NCS from Bulmershe School in summer 2015.

Beyond NCS

92% of participants say NCS helped them develop useful skills for the future. After completing all parts of the programmes, students will attend a graduation ceremony with their parents/carers to celebrate their achievements and receive a certificate signed by the Prime Minister.

NCS graduates are automatically part of an alumni network called The Challenge Society which provides additional volunteering opportunities in their local area.

NCS is recognised by universities and employers. Students who have completed NCS can include their experiences on their UCAS personal statement and on their CV.

Got a minute to spare? Find out more about NCS or sign up online at NCSTHECHALLENGE.ORG

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