



28<sup>th</sup> September,2017

Dear Parent, Carer or Guardian,

**RE: National Citizen Service (NCS) Autumn 2017.**

We are writing to inform you about a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity which your son or daughter can sign up for during this October Half Term. NCS is a government-backed programme which is supported by Hugh Christie Technology College. NCS helps young people build their confidence and gain new skills while having fun and giving back to their community, providing a fantastic springboard for your son or daughters future. Whether they've just started sixth form or college, or preparing to enter the working world, signing up to NCS is one of the best decisions any teenager can make.

But don't just take our word for it; a recent survey showed that following NCS:

- 75% of young people feel more confident about getting a job in the future.
- 92% of young people felt they gained valuable skills that will help them in their future.
- 84% of young people felt they got a chance to make friends with people they wouldn't normally mix with during NCS.

**So, what is NCS?**

NCS is a unique full time part-residential programme focused around fun and discovery, during which young people commit 30 hours to a community project that benefits both young people and society. Young people build skills for work and life, while taking on new challenges and adventures, making new friends, and contributing to the local community. Government backing means that it never costs more than £50 to take part in our four week summer programme and this payment covers all activities and residential costs. Bursaries are available on a case by case basis and support is provided for young people with additional needs.

Our Autumn programme will be running on the following dates in Tonbridge and Maidstone;

**Induction** – 14<sup>th</sup> October

**4 day residential** – 21<sup>st</sup> October to 24<sup>th</sup> October – *Pick up and drop off from West Kent College/New Line Learning Academy*

**3 days of Project Planning** – 25<sup>th</sup> October to 27<sup>th</sup> October – *Tonbridge Grammar School/New Line Learning Academy*

**30 days of Project Delivery** – 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> November – *West Kent/Maidstone*

**Graduation** – 25<sup>th</sup> November – *Tonbridge Grammar School/New Line Learning Academy*

To find more information or to secure your son or daughter a place to join thousands of other young people taking part this year you can visit [www.ncsyas.co.uk](http://www.ncsyas.co.uk) or call the national contact centre on 0800 197 8010. Alternatively you can contact the NCS Team at Charlton Athletic Community Trust directly on 0208 311 4847 to discuss the programme in more detail.

Yours Sincerely,

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