



Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are writing to give you some further information about the National Citizen Service (NCS) programme that all Year 12 students will be participating in from 18<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> October.

### **What's in it for students?**

At Ilford County High School, we believe so strongly in the outcomes of the NCS programme and its benefits to students, that we have rearranged our timetables to embed NCS into our curriculum. Here are just some of the things they'll benefit from...

**Excellent evidence on a UCAS statement or a CV:** NCS helps them prove their ability to go above and beyond and challenge themselves. Writing about experiences gained on the NCS programme is recommended by UCAS.

**Aspirational opportunities:** Students will experience success in different environments and realise their potential through pushing themselves to take on new challenges.

**Community engagement:** By delivering a Social Action Project, students will discover that they have the power to make a difference in their local community.

**Membership to a graduate network:** NCS provides access to apprenticeships and work experience at extremely prestigious companies, amongst other opportunities.

**Skills development:** The programme helps students pick up many of the 'soft skills' employers are looking for.



NCS is valued by Ofsted and schools are encouraged to promote and support student sign up: incorporating NCS into a sixth form's enrichment programme contributes to the 'outstanding' grade descriptor in the personal development Ofsted judgement.



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for Education

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GATSBY

NCS helps sixth forms meet the careers framework standards, The Gatsby Benchmarks, which were adopted as part of the Government's Careers Strategy in 2013. NCS directly supports benchmarks 1, 5, 6 and 7 and implicitly supports all eight.

### **What you need to do**

If you haven't completed the NCS medical form, please do so as soon as possible or call NCS on **0800 197 8010**. If NCS aren't able to confirm your student's medical information with you, they will not be able to attend the programme and will miss out on this hugely beneficial opportunity. If your student has already completed the programme, NCS will need to reconfirm their medical information before they can participate in NCS PLUS.

Yours sincerely,

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