



CAREERS NEWSLETTER

Please see the information on the following pages regarding Open Events, STEM education and NCS (National Citizen Service) opportunities.

SPARSHOLT COLLEGE

Registrations are open for Sparsholt College's next open event on Wednesday 1 May 2024 (Slots between 5.30pm – 7pm) .

To attend, students will need to register for the event as soon as possible by visiting [Experience Sparsholt - Sparsholt College Hampshire](#) as our events do fill up quickly! At this event students will have a tour of the subject area they are interested in at a specific time which they will book in advance.

Also, it is not too late to apply to Sparsholt College as applications are still open and students can apply by visiting the Sparsholt website or by using [How to Apply - Sparsholt College and University Centre Sparsholt](#).

FLYERS

Routes into STEM Face-to-face

Routes into STEM is an experience that provides an amazing opportunity to help students understand the different routes to further STEM education and career pathways.

Who is it for?

Students in Year 9 and 10 who are interested in finding out more about STEM careers.

What is involved?

- A three-day experience at STEM educational providers and STEM companies local to them
- Students will explore STEM careers, participate in interactive workshops, site tours and hear from young professionals

What are the outcomes?

- Gain first-hand information and experience hands on activities at STEM educational providers and companies to make informed decisions about their future
- Go on campus tours and get thinking about future studies in a mature and informed manner
- Speak with apprentices/graduates about their experiences
- Develop valuable skills such as presentation skills, team-building, and social skills, and see how they can be applied to their CV, Application Form or Personal Statement
- Become a Bronze Industrial Cadet

What do our students say:

"I enjoyed being able to engage in big projects in a comfortable environment"

"The tours gave me a better idea of the environment I would be working in"

100% felt confident about the STEM career opportunities available to them after completing the course

100% of students would recommend the course to a friend or family member

Southampton dates & locations

- Tuesday 28th May 2024 - STEM Company Day at Leidos, PO15 7AA
- Wednesday 29th May 2024 - University Day at Solent University, SO14 0YN
- Thursday 30th May 2024 - STEM educational provider or STEM company Day - TBC

Cost

£175 for all 3 days

Fully funded places are available if cost is a barrier, please indicate your interest on the application form.

How to apply?

To apply, please visit our website [here](https://www.etrust.org.uk) or scan the QR code.

Limited places available, do not delay and apply today!





Dear Parent/Guardian,

On **Friday 8th March**, an assembly was shown to your teen launching the NCS programme.

NCS is an opportunity that helps 15–17-year-olds (Year 11 and 12) to build skills for work and life, take on new challenges, meet new people and make a difference in their local community. 750,000 young people have already completed the programme and are out there reaping the benefits of taking part.

The sign-up process is just three short steps away.

Step 1: Visit <https://wearencs.com/> to find your programme and register your interest.

Step 2: Choose your theme – we have 3 different programme themes to choose from:

Live It: *Live it up on this 5-day adventure away from home, getting stuck into adrenaline filled activities. Get life hacks you didn't know you needed and achieve things you didn't think were possible. All while building your confidence, independence and making new mates along the way!*

Change It: *Your chance to change your community, or even the world! On this 5-day trip you'll channel your passion into making a difference and creating change. This action-packed week kicks off with adrenaline fuelled activities before helping you discover how to leave a legacy.*

Boss It: *Unlock your potential in just 5 days at university accommodation! Turn your hobby into cash, discover careers you didn't know existed, and boost your online professional profile. Get the tools and connections you need to take control of your career and earn the success you deserve.*

Step 3: Choose your dates – you also find the dates on offer by visiting the website. We have dates across the year so you can fit us into any plans you may have!

Just select a date that works for you, there are lots of dates to choose from so hopefully you can fit us nice and easily into your plans!

Dates:

- 15th July – 19th July
- 22nd July – 26th July
- 29th July – 2nd August
- 5th August – 9th August
- 12th August – 16th August
- 19th August – 23rd August



Where will your child be staying?

The closest programme to **Henry Beaufort School** will take place at: **YMCA Fairthorne Group, Fairthorne Manor, YMCA, Southampton, SO30 2GH**. Help us by supporting your teen with getting to Fairthorne Manor on Monday and returning home on Friday – this could be dropping them off and picking them up, or by public transport – and leave the rest to us.

You will also see on the website that there are some programmes happening in Bournemouth. If you would like to choose one of these programmes instead, the dates are:

- 1st July – 5th July
- 29th July – 2nd August
- 12th August – 16th August
- 26th August – 30th August

Location of Bournemouth residential site: **Siblyback Lake, Common Moor, Liskeard, Cornwall PL14 6ER**

Location of Bournemouth residential site for programme starting on **Monday 26th August: YHA Okehampton, Klondyke Road, Okehampton, Devon, EX20 1EW**

Why sign up to NCS?

There are many benefits of NCS, including:

- Enhancing their CVs;
- NCS enhances college applications;
- NCS is recognised by UCAS and will benefit their personal statements;
- NCS improves confidence and offers skills essential for starting work;
- Your teen can gain new skills and start to become more independent;
- NCS allows your teen to volunteer to help their local community;
- Allows them the chance to stay away from home.

To complete your application to NCS, visit <https://wearencs.com/>. You will then be emailed a medical form which you should complete and return to us. NCS does have a fee attached of **£95**, so this will also need to be paid to conform your place on the programme. **Please note:** if your child is entitled to free school meals or is a pupil premium student, then they can receive a bursary and will get a place on programme for **FREE**.

If you have any further questions, please visit the FAQ page on our website or call 0800 197 8010.

We are looking forward to supporting your child on their NCS experience.

Best Wishes,

Ingeus NCS Recruitment Team.

**Parent and guardians
information leaflet**



Experiences away from home

National Citizen Service (NCS) helps 15-17 year olds build skills for work and life by taking part in new challenges and meeting new people, gaining confidence and independence along the way.

“When my son came back he had just blossomed, his confidence had grown so much it was incredible. I would highly encourage parents to get their teens on NCS, it teaches them to have conversations they wouldn’t normally have the confidence for”.
Parent

NCS away from home experiences are available across the country. Each experience is five days and four nights, and includes a variety of activities centred around one of three themes: Live It, Boss It, or Change It.

The experiences will help boost your young person’s CV and college or university applications - highlighting the broader range of skills they’ve gained to employers and higher education providers.



**Places are
limited!**

**Visit our website
to secure a place
today.**



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About the experiences



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Young people have a choice of dates throughout the year. Head to our website, choose your dates, choose your experience, and make a payment if you need to. Simple!

“My daughter has made some new lifelong friends and the experience she’s had has really built her confidence...all of the activities were brilliant and taught my daughter skills for life!” Parent

WHEN IS IT?

All three themes are available throughout school holidays, simply choose your preferred dates during the sign-up process.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

NCS is a government funded programme, which means the costs of the experience are heavily subsidised. To take part in NCS, all we ask for is a contribution of £95 per young person. This includes all travel costs, accommodation, activities and food – a whole five-day trip for £95!

Depending on your circumstances (e.g. if your young person receives free school meals or the pupil premium), you could be entitled to a bursary which would mean the experience is free – you don’t have to pay anything. Get in touch for more information.

IS NCS INCLUSIVE FOR PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS OR DISABILITIES?

NCS is for everyone. When your young person signs up to NCS, you will have the opportunity to let us know about their specific needs, including any medical conditions, special educational needs, or disabilities. We will then contact you to develop a care plan so that we can make necessary reasonable adjustments to ensure they can take part. NCS is also available up to the age of 25 for those young people with SEND.

REFUNDS

We offer a 14-day cool off period for you to apply for a refund if you change your mind.

In the unlikely event of NCS being cancelled, you will be offered a full refund.



You’ll stay in a beautiful outdoor location and no matter which of the three experiences you choose, you’ll meet a bunch of new mates, explore your adventurous side, and make memories to last a lifetime.



Young people will be ready to enter the world of work or start their own business. It gives tools, know-how, and inspiration needed to take control and be successful.



They will have the chance to change their community, or even the world, for the better. They’ll explore the issues facing society today, discover their purpose, and turn passions into projects that make a difference.





The sign-up process



Safety & Supervision



1. REGISTER AND BOOK A PLACE

You or your young person register on the NCS website and choose their preferred theme. Complete the details, make your payment and you're done!

- Call the team if you would like to find out more about a bursary.

2. IMPORTANT FORMS

Once signed up, your young person will receive information to login to their NCS portal.

- You will need to help them complete their Joiner Form.
- This is also the time to let us know any specific requirements for your young person (including dietary, religious, or anything else).

3. PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

You will then have the opportunity to attend a parent and guardian information session to learn more and ask questions.

4. WELCOME PACK

Before their away from home experience, your young person will be sent a Welcome Pack with all the information they need to know about their experience, including pick-up locations and what to bring.

Your young person's safety and wellbeing is our top priority.

NCS away from home experiences are delivered on behalf of the National Citizen Service Trust, a Royal Charter body, by Ingeus and Youth Hostels Association (England & Wales) (YHA). Ingeus has provided NCS experiences to over 130,000 young people since 2011.

All experiences follow comprehensive policies and procedures, NCS staff are fully trained, and we are fully insured. All staff undergo the following checks and training:

- Enhanced DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) checks
- First Aid (certified)
- Safeguarding
- Equality & Diversity.

SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding relates to action taken to promote the welfare of children and protect them from harm. As an organisation that works with people of all ages and backgrounds, we are committed to acting in the best interests of children and vulnerable people, ensuring that all reasonable steps are taken to prevent them from harm.





Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)



Kit list

Can I speak to someone before signing up?

Yes, you can talk to a member of our team Monday to Friday from 12pm - 8pm, and Saturday 10am - 2pm, by calling 0800 197 8010.

What are the benefits of doing NCS?

Young people will get the chance to meet new people, expand their horizons, learn new skills, and build their confidence. They will have the opportunity to take part in a range of activities, gaining valuable skills to take into their future to make a positive difference for themselves and their community. NCS also looks great on CVs and education applications!

My young person has additional needs, can they still take part?

NCS is open to everyone. During the sign-up process, you have the opportunity to tell us about any additional needs, and then we will work with you to create a tailored care plan for your young person.

Is there help towards the cost of NCS?

If you need help paying for NCS, you can apply for a bursary. Give us a call on 0800 197 8010 before you sign-up.

Do young people have to do NCS?

While NCS is not compulsory, it is a unique and exciting opportunity that is only available to 15-17 year olds (if they are 15, they must turn 16 by 31st August 2023 to be eligible).

Does my young person need to take money on NCS?

Extra money is not needed, but if you want to give your young person extra money to take for shops/vending machines then you may wish to do so.

How will you make sure my young person is safe while on NCS?

Each programme and each activity is risk assessed to ensure their safety. Our team are fully qualified and trained, and every young person is given a code of conduct to follow to ensure the safety of others.

Can my young person do NCS with their friends?

Yes, they'll just need to make sure they all sign-up to the same theme, the same departure date and travel hub. Places are limited so it's best for groups of friends to book at the same time to avoid disappointment.

Where will my young person be going?

NCS away from home experiences are available at sites across the country. During the sign-up process, you and your young person will choose the type of experience and the preferred travel hub for pick-ups and drop-offs. After that, we will confirm in the Welcome Pack the full address of the venue where they will stay for their NCS experience.

Will my young person be forced to do all the activities?

We will never force anyone to do something they don't want to do. We will be there to encourage them to face their fears and be confident to tackle new things.

What is included in the cost of NCS?

All food, accommodation, and travel is provided during the programme and included in the cost. All we ask is that your young person brings some lunch with them for the first day.

Can I contact my young person while they are away?

Absolutely! Your young person might not have their phone with them during the day due to the nature of some activities, but there will be lots of opportunities to contact them and you will also be given an emergency contact number for our team.

Why do I have to fill out my details?

This is to secure a place on an NCS programme, and to make sure your young person has your permission to attend. If you start but don't complete the sign-up process, our team may give you a call to see if we can help answer any questions.

Can my young person take their mobile phone?

Yes, we just ask that they use it considerably and not when they're participating in activities. Charging points may be limited so we recommend bringing a battery pack.

To fully participate in the NCS experience, your young person will need to bring with them a kit of essential items.

All the information you need to prepare will be in the Welcome Pack, but to help you get a head start, here is a list of the essential items they'll need to pack.

- Clothing for the entire trip, including:
 - Underwear and socks
 - Trainers/ comfy shoes
 - Nightwear
 - Warm jacket
 - Raincoat
 - Shoes for showers (e.g. flip flops)

- Toiletries
- Towel
- Small bag for the daytime
- Spare bag for wet/dirty clothes
- Reusable water bottle
- Phone charger
- Snacks (no nuts please!)
- Medication (please label with their name)
- Hand sanitiser
- Pen & notepad
- Lunch (just for the first day)

Your young person can also bring their mobile phones (and chargers!) and money if they choose to.



Places
are
limited!

Secure your place today



Here's how!

Register at [WEARENC.COM](https://wearencs.com) and then:

- 1) Choose the preferred theme
- 2) Choose the preferred travel hub
- 3) Choose the preferred dates



Get in touch

If you'd like to have a chat about NCS or have a question, you can call us on 0800 197 8010, email us at askncs@ingeus.co.uk, or contact your local team:

