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Dear parents and carers

We spoke to the Year 11s in assembly this morning about an **amazing opportunity** that is offered to young people by the NCS (National Citizenship Scheme); a **5-day-away-from-home experience that will build their employability skills** such as teamwork, leadership, and communication.

These experiences take place on **various dates during July and August** once the exams are over, making great use of this super-long summer break. The government subsidises the cost so that **families pay only £95** all-inclusive for the four-night-five-day stay. Students can be placed on the same experience as friends, taking away some of the worry that sometimes can prevent students wanting to do things like this.

There are three Experiences to choose from, each with a different focus; **Boss it** for budding entrepreneurs, **Change it** for those who want to make a difference, and **Live it** for those looking for personal challenges. You can read more about these on [the NCS website](#), where you can also [sign up to find out specific dates](#) this summer and how to take the next steps.

Employers and Admissions Tutors at colleges and universities are familiar with this scheme and participating can give a young person's CV/application a **real edge over their competitors**. It also provides them with something relevant to discuss in interviews and in Personal Statements.

Best wishes
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