

## The Epistle

24th May 2024

### Headteacher's message



Dear Parents/Carers

It has been another busy and eventful half term at St Paul's, as it always is! Last Thursday we celebrated the Feast of the Ascension in a wonderful whole school Mass. Jesus's resurrection is a symbol of hope in all that we do and reminds us that there is always light after difficult times. During Lent, we raised the phenomenal sum of £10,000 for the Trussell Trust. Thank you all for your support.

Our Year 11 and Year 13 students have settled into their exams and feedback has been positive, with most feeling confident of great results in August. Our staff have done a wonderful job in preparing pupils for these exams, whilst continuing to keep a close eye on their well-being during this stressful time. The most important thing is that they try hard and do their best. Whatever the results, we will be proud of all of them.

We will return after half term for seven weeks before we finish for the summer break on Friday 19 July. During this time, we will be looking to appoint support staff in readiness for September. We are looking, in particular, for Teaching Assistants to support students' learning. If you are interested or know anyone who might be interested, details of these opportunities are posted on our school website - [Employment Opportunities - St Paul's Catholic College, Surrey \(st-pauls.surrey.sch.uk\)](https://www.st-pauls.surrey.sch.uk/employment) and also posted on our social media platforms.

At the end of the summer, I receive a number of requests for students to be granted holidays during the school term. Please may I remind all parents and carers that any such requests will not be authorised. Students receive 13 weeks' holiday over the academic year and should not be taking time off during term time.

With the weather likely to get warmer over the next few weeks, please ensure that your children continue to wear their blazers to school every day. If we experience extreme highs in temperature like last year, the school will advise parents as to any relaxation in uniform.

On a final note, this year's Awards Evening will be held on Wednesday 3rd July. It is truly a lovely evening for all the family and we hope that many of you will be able to join us in rewarding our children for their exceptional performance. Students will be notified if they are receiving an award by mid-June.

Have a happy and relaxing half term. We look forward to welcoming the students back for the final term on Monday 3rd June.

God Bless,



James Mc Nulty  
Headteacher

# Student Voice

*In this issue Year 7 reflect on their recent Rosary lessons with our School Chaplain.*

## **Kamil - 7J**

During my lesson on Tuesday with Mrs Jones on how to pray the Rosary I felt that Jesus and Mary were by my side. The Rosary is made up of decades. One decade contains one Our Father followed by 10 Hail Marys and a Glory Be. A fun fact about the Rosary is that it is the story of the New Testament. Through the beads we follow the life of Mary and Jesus. In October 2002 Pope John Paul II added the 'Mysteries of the Light' to the Holy Rosary, calling us to pray the Rosary.

## **Adrianna - 7C**

During the lesson I felt really happy and found the lesson very interesting. Reading the Rosary brought me joy and took my mind off all of my worries. I learnt more about the set of mysteries and the repetitive prayers helped me to create a stronger bond with my faith.

The Holy Rosary is a devotion to God and the Blessed Virgin Mary. As it deepens our relationship with God, it also reminds us we are not alone in the world. We reflect on the life of Christ and meditate on His teachings. From His incarnation, to the cross, to the resurrection, we come to understand that God has revealed himself and saved us. Those who pray the Rosary are promised graces and indulgences.

## **Maria - 7A**

In my opinion the Rosary lesson was wonderful. It gave me more of an understanding how to use it and say the different prayers. I learnt more about the different mysteries and why it was made. It also influenced me to say the Rosary every night because I know it will make me feel closer to God and guide me through my life.

## **Stefani - 7A**

Last week we had a lovely Rosary lesson with Mrs Jones. We learnt about the Rosary and how to pray it. The Rosary has 59 beads and there is a prayer for each of them. It is shaped like a necklace but you don't wear it. To pray the Rosary, you run your hand on every bead to not loose where you are. I liked it when everyone in the class turned into a human Rosary. I got a little sleepy but that is a good thing because it means you are relaxed. Lastly, we got a Rosary and a little leaflet to take home - will cherish them both.

## **Daniel - 7A**

In the Rosary lesson, Mrs Jones taught us about the Rosary and Mary which was really educational and fun at the same time. We were given some Rosary beads which symbolises Mary, and some prayers. We were also lucky enough to say the Rosary itself. Mrs Jones said that if we wanted to we could say the prayer in our own language which I thought was very inclusive. Overall, I learnt a lot from the lesson and with a really nice and kind teacher like Mrs Jones, it made the lesson really fun.

## **Grace - 7A**

This week we learnt about the Rosary. I really enjoyed it as it gave me a deeper understanding of the beads. My favourite part was doing the call and response. After learning about the Rosary, I felt motivated to say it at home. I like the little leaflet we were given as it helped me to understand the mysteries and learn the words to the prayers. I liked learning about the children Mary has appeared to and the creator of the Rosary. My favourite part was receiving my very own Rosary beads at the start of the lesson.



# Spelthorne Youth Awards



On Friday 19th April, Mrs O'Farrell and Mr Charalambous attended the Spelthorne Youth Awards 2024 at Kempton Park Racecourse. From the hundreds of students nominated within the Borough we are delighted to announce that the following pupils from St Paul's Catholic College were successful in winning awards in the following categories:

## Arts Achievement (incl. Performing Arts)

*Grace G (Year 10C)*

## Outstanding Academic Achievement

*Samantha R-F (Year 10R) – Amaan H (Year 13T)*

## Triumph over Adversity

*Sarah C (Year 13T)*



During the evening, the Mayor of Spelthorne, Cllr Denise Saliagopoulous, celebrated the success of our young people commenting; "The Spelthorne Youth Awards are about recognising and celebrating inspirational young people within our wonderful Borough. These special young people have excelled in a particular field, made a big difference to their local community, overcome very challenging circumstances or shown exceptional personal qualities."

Congratulations to all our winners.

Spelthorne Youth  
Awards 2024  
Congratulations

## Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

Congratulations to our Year 13 Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) students who received their certificates recently. The cohort of 13 all achieved grades A\*-B with 4 students achieving A\* grades for their projects. Projects encompassed an ambitious range of topics including the suffragettes, the NHS and support for SEND students in schools. Well done everyone on your hard work and excellent results!



Keep up to date with the latest school news and events on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

# Feast of the Ascension

On Thursday 23rd May, we were delighted to celebrate Mass on the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. Fr Philip Dyer Perry of Our Lady of the Rosary and Fr Shaun Richards of St John Fisher presided over the Masses which celebrated this most important of Feasts, in which we commemorate Christ returning to Heaven 40 days after His resurrection. The students and staff involved in the Mass made it a really special celebration. We would like to give our thanks to Miss Harper for leading the choir, with a special mention to Angelika B who played a beautiful piano piece during the Offertory. Thanks also go to our altar serving team, Zofia K, Max S, Matt M and Adam R, members of the Chaplaincy Team, who always contribute to the Liturgy of the Word in Mass so wonderfully. A lovely coming together of the school community.



## Year 11 Leavers' Liturgy

The beginning of May marks a special time for our Year 11 pupils - Class of 2024. We came together to share in the Celebration of the Word to offer spiritual support as our pupils embark on their GCSE exams. It was a lovely service with participation from many of the pupils. Each tutor group created their own memory board of their time here at St Paul's and our Head Prefects delivered poignant and thoughtful reflections. The Year 11 choir provided the music and each tutor recited their own reflective prayer for their tutor group. The service was followed by the tradition of shirt signing and an opportunity for their teachers and peers to wish them well. It's always a special occasion for our pupils and staff alike and we pray for their wellbeing and success



## Praying the Rosary

In Catholic tradition May is the month we dedicate to Mary. Here at St Paul's we mark this important month by learning more about the Rosary. Our School Chaplain, Mrs Jones, guides our Year 7 pupils through the praying of the Rosary. Each student receives a set of beads, along with a prayer card, and together pray through the decades of the Rosary for a chosen intention. It was wonderful to see the children participate so well in these lessons. Each pupil had a turn at reciting the prayers and together we all became a 'Living Rosary' pondering on the Joyful Mysteries. We have encouraged all the students to pray the Rosary at home with their families and we hope that you will be able to join them during your own prayer times in your homes.



## Year 11 Voluntary Retreat

We were delighted to invite Year 11 pupils to attend a retreat to help them discover a Christ-centred approach to their exam worries and stresses. Collaborating with our Mental Wellbeing Lead, Magali Huyurt, the session aimed to reconnect our pupils to God, love and presence as well as offer practical and spiritual tips on strategies to cope with exam anxiety and stress. Pupils had the opportunity to talk and share their experiences as well as enjoy a Christian meditation at the end. It was an empowering time together and we thank all the pupils who attended.

*"How beautiful is the family that recites the Rosary every evening!"*



# UKMT Junior Maths Challenge



Congratulations to all our brilliant Mathematicians in Years 7 and 8 who took part in the recent UKMT Junior Challenge – a national competition run by the University of Leeds where entrants are required to undertake a 60 minute multiple choice test. The Challenge encourages mathematical reasoning, precision of thought and fluency to make students think.

Our students have all done amazingly well achieving Bronze, Silver and Gold awards. Good luck to those students who have qualified to proceed to the next round which will be held in June.

**YEAR 7**

  
 United Kingdom Mathematics Trust

Congratulations!

**Junior Mathematical Challenge 2024**

<b>Gold</b>	<b>Silver</b>	<b>Bronze</b>
<i>Oliver</i> W <b>Best in school</b>	Alex S	Thomas A
Maks K	Isabelle W	Ashley P
Aldan O		Faye R
		Charlie S
		Grace W
<b>Participation</b>		
Carmen A	Jessica A	Alexander H
Alex P	Julia W	

**YEAR 8**

  
 United Kingdom Mathematics Trust

Congratulations!

**Junior Mathematical Challenge 2024**

<b>Gold</b>	<b>Silver</b>	<b>Bronze</b>
<i>Kasey</i> O <b>Best in Year</b>	Vito D	AJ P
Angelika B	Rebecca D	Weronika R
Kayden C	Klara K	Matilda W
Georgia H	Sofia L	
Anna S	Madison G	
<b>Participation</b>		
Karlens Z		

## Statistics Talk



Earlier this term we were delighted to welcome back to the school former student, Kieran Baker, to give a talk to sixth form mathematicians on Statistics. Over 80 Year 12 and Year 13 students were in attendance. The talk covered many aspects. Students enjoyed hearing how concepts they learn in A-level Maths, such as Linear Regression and Differentiation, play a role in Machine Learning models, and how these are used in industry, from driverless cars to ChatGPT. Thanks to Kieran for coming back to host the talk, and to our students for engaging so well and asking great questions!

## National Team Maths Challenge

On Thursday 2nd May, four of our best mathematicians across Year 8 and Year 9 competed in the National Team Maths Challenge at Headington School, Oxford. Students participated in four rounds, each lasting 45 minutes, working well together to solve the problems they were presented with. Well done Isaac and Kaya in Year 9, and Kasey and Rebecca in Year 8 – you made us very proud!





## Spanish Trip

In April this year, our Language students visited the beautiful city of Madrid. It was an action-packed week with many activities organised for our students to fully experience the Spanish culture. A *churros* and *tapas* cooking lesson and tasting was a particular favourite *¡delicioso!* Everyone joined in during a flamenco class and we all loved watching an authentic flamenco show, *¡olé!* Football fans enjoyed visiting the Real Madrid stadium, *¡hala Madrid!* We learnt some history at Madrid's *Palacio Real* and did a guided walking tour of the city centre. We also enjoyed the glorious Spanish weather at the famous *Retiro Park* and the Warner Bros theme park. There was plenty of time for shopping where students had the chance to put their Spanish to the test! Last, but not least, we visited Madrid's *La Almudena* Cathedral where we recited our school prayer. An all round fantastic trip for everyone, *¡un viaje fantástico!*

## Ski Trip

The St Paul's 2024 ski trip to Pila, Italy was a great success. Unlike last year, the journey down ran smoothly with no delays on the Ferry so we all arrived in Pila in plenty of time to get our skiing equipment ready for the next day. The conditions were unbelievable for the time of year, with over a metre of snow falling the week before which meant all the slopes had plenty of snow. The students all progressed very well over the week and were all able to get higher up the mountain by the end of the holiday. Evening entertainment included a walk around Aosta, where Miss Walton impressed everyone with her comprehensive knowledge of Roman history, a bowling night and an authentic Italian Pizza night. Thanks to Mrs Wood, Miss Steed, Miss Walton and Miss Walker for giving up their holiday to support the trip. Sadly it is Mr Steed's last skiing trip with the school as he hands over the reins to Mr Allen for next year.



The statue of "El oso y el madroño" - symbol of Madrid



## Duke of Edinburgh Awards

Over the last couple of weekends Year 10 and Year 12 students have been lucky enough to be blessed with beautiful weather to undertake their Duke of Edinburgh's Award training from Box Hill to the Epsom Downs for their respective Bronze and Silver awards. Year 10, of which there were 35 students on the first trip and 50 on the following, undertook a weekend-long training expedition, and 24 Year 12 pupils had a Silver training day on the Saturday. Navigating themselves around the designated area, with the Year 10s camping overnight, they had to carry all their food, equipment and clothing, and cook their own meals. Demonstrations given on how to pitch tents and use the outdoor cooking equipment all helped them to work together as a team. All in all another couple of fantastic DofE expeditions.



# Academy Primary Schools Football Tournament

On Wednesday this week St Paul's was delighted to host the Academy Primary Schools Football Tournament. Pupils from St Ignatius Catholic Primary, St Richard Reynolds Primary and Our Lady of the Rosary Primary participated in the competition. It was a good day with some fantastic play and football skills on display. Congratulations to St Ignatius who emerged as the tournament winners for the boys and girls!

## Competition Results

### Girls

- 1<sup>st</sup> place - St Ignatius Catholic Primary School
- 2nd place - St Richard Reynolds Primary School
- 3rd place - Our Lady of the Rosary Primary School

### Boys

- 1st - St Ignatius Catholic Primary School
- 2nd - Our Lady of the Rosary Primary School
- 3rd - St Richard Reynolds Primary School



## Life Skills Classes



Earlier this term, students in Year 8 and Year 9 spent the week learning about Life Skills in Maths. The topics ranged from value for money and insurance in Year 8, to the economy and interest rates, the importance of saving and taxation in Year 9. Students enjoyed seeing how aspects of the National Curriculum are important in everyday life, and learning Maths in a different context. Well done to all students for their fantastic engagement in these lessons!

## ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE

*Providing Education for the Diocese of Westminster*



*"Teachers' subject knowledge is a strength of the school. Lessons are of high quality and pupils are supported in developing their knowledge and understanding."*

**Ofsted 2024**

*"The worship and prayer life of the school is firmly rooted in the liturgical year and reflects the richness of the Catholic tradition."*

**Diocese Report**

## OPEN EVENTS

**Admission to Year 7 in 2025**

### Open Mornings

Thursday 26th September, 3rd October and 10th October

Tours from 8.45am, 9.00am and 9.15am

*No appointment necessary*

### Open Evening

Thursday 26th September from 5.30 pm - 7.30 pm

Headteacher Evening Address at 5.45pm and 6.30 pm

#### Enquiries

Year 7

T: 01932 754213

E: admissions@st-pauls.surrey.sch.uk

Sixth Form

T: 01932 754203

E: sixthform@st-pauls.surrey.sch.uk

## Sixth Form Open Evening

**Admission to Year 12 in 2025**

Wednesday 2nd October from 6.00pm to 8.00pm

Head of Sixth Form Evening Address at 6.30pm

St Paul's Catholic College,  
Manor Lane, Sunbury on Thames, Surrey, TW16 6JE  
[www.st-pauls.surrey.sch.uk](http://www.st-pauls.surrey.sch.uk)



## Dates for your Diary

**Friday 24th May 2024**

End of Term

**Monday 3rd June 2024**

First day of Summer Term 2  
GCSE & A Level Exams (to 21st June)

**Tuesday 4th June 2024**

Year 8 Art - London Zoo Trip (8J, 8R & 8T)

**Wednesday 5th June 2024**

Year 9 Success Trip - Thorpe Park

**Thursday 6th June 2023**

Spelthorne Music Festival

**Friday 7th June 2024**

Year 7 Success Bus - Chessington World of  
Adventures

**Monday 10th June 2024**

Year 10 MFL Speaking Exams (to 14<sup>th</sup> June)

**Tuesday 11th June 2024**

Years 10 & 12 Careers Day

**Thursday 13th June 2024**

Year 12 UCAS Day

**Friday 14th June 2024**

Year 8 Success Bus to Thorpe Park

**Tuesday 18th June 2024**

Year 12 Retreat

**Thursday 20th June 2024**

Year 12 Retreat

Year 10 Food Mock Exam (date to be confirmed)

Years 9 & 10 District Sports

Year 11 Prom

**Friday 21st June 2024**

Year 12 Duke of Edinburgh - Practice Expedition  
(to 23rd June)

**Monday 24th June 2024**

Sports Day

**Tuesday 25th June 2024**

Year 10 GCSE Geography Fieldwork (to 26th June)

**Friday 28th June 2024**

Feast Day Mass

*Please refer to the website for further  
information.*

## School Term Dates

### End of Term

Friday 24th May 2024

### Half Term from:

Monday 27th May - Fri 31st May 2024

### Summer Term 2

Monday 3rd June - Tuesday 23rd July 2023

### INSET Days

Monday 22nd July

Tuesday 23rd July

Monday 2nd September

Tuesday 3rd September

### Autumn Term 1

**Wednesday 4th September**

**Start of Autumn 1**

**All students to return to school**



Please note that if parents/carers take their children out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), they will be liable to receive a penalty notice. Currently the amount payable under a penalty notice is £60.00 per parent/carer per child if paid within 21 days. Thereafter, the amount increases to £120.00 if paid between 21 and 28 days. If the penalty notice remains unpaid after 28 days, the Local Authority will consider a prosecution in the Magistrates Court. Penalty notices are issued per parent/carer per child so a family of two parents and two children will receive 4 penalty notices.





ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE  
Manor Lane, Sunbury-on-Thames, TW16 6JE  
Headteacher: Mr James Mc Nulty  
(11-18 N.O.R. 1336 incl. Sixth Form)

### Science Technician

13 hours per week over 4 days - morning hours - term time only (39 weeks)  
There can be some flexibility over days  
Sc 6 – FTE salary £23,893 plus £988 fringe; pro rata £7,323.91 plus £302.85 fringe  
Total £7,626.76 per annum

St Paul's is one of the most successful schools in the country and our GCSE and 'A' level results are consistently in the top 10% nationally. We were again judged as outstanding in January 2024. We seek to appoint a motivated and enthusiastic Science Technician for an immediate start.

This post provides a perfect opportunity for a hardworking, well-organised and enthusiastic Technician to demonstrate their ability to work in all areas of Science within a friendly environment of four other Technicians. Ideally, you will have a Science qualification and will be able to work independently to high standards and to follow agreed methods.

St Paul's offers Local Government Pension Scheme, subsidised nursery and provides a caring school environment for staff and students.

For further information about this role please contact Natascha Caliste or Ali Cole on 01932 754279 or [ncaliste@st-pauls.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:ncaliste@st-pauls.surrey.sch.uk) or [acole@st-pauls.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:acole@st-pauls.surrey.sch.uk). A meeting to tour the department is recommended.

Application packs are available at [www.st-pauls.surrey.sch.uk](http://www.st-pauls.surrey.sch.uk).  
Completed applications should be sent to: [jobs@st-pauls.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:jobs@st-pauls.surrey.sch.uk).

Please note that CV's will not be accepted as applications.

Closing date for applications: 9am on Monday 3 June 2024.

Applications are considered as they are received, we reserve the right to make an appointment prior to the closing date.

*This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The successful applicant will be required to undertake an enhanced disclosure check by the Disclosure and Barring Service.*



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### TEACHING ASSISTANT

Monday – Friday - term time only 8.30am to 3pm  
Sc2 FTE £22,366 plus £988 fringe, (pro-rata £14,724.24 plus £650.43) total £15,374.67 per annum  
Required September 2024

Are you interested in supporting Students with Special Educational needs in a mainstream setting?

Would you like to develop your skills in a supportive, friendly and experienced team?

Are you a Graduate looking for Teaching Experience?

Are you in Sixth Form and not sure what to do next year?

Are you a nurturing, patient and caring person who would welcome the opportunity to provide academic support and pastoral care for our students with Special Educational Needs?

St Paul's is one of the most successful schools in the country and our GCSE and 'A' level results are consistently in the top 10% nationally. We were again judged as outstanding in January 2024. We seek to appoint a motivated and enthusiastic Teaching Assistant for a September start.

Duties will include supporting students with Special Educational Needs or a disability in their learning, both in the classroom and one to one. You will have an ability to support students by differentiating work, pre-learning key words and explaining tasks. You will need to be patient, understanding and capable of establishing a good rapport with a wide variety of people, particularly children and teachers. ICT skills are required. Previous experience or an interest in teaching would be an advantage.

St Paul's offers local government pension scheme, subsidised nursery and the possibility of accommodation and provides a caring school environment for staff and students.

Application packs are available at:  
[www.st-pauls.surrey.sch.uk/information/employment-opportunities](http://www.st-pauls.surrey.sch.uk/information/employment-opportunities)

Completed applications should be sent to: [jobs@st-pauls.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:jobs@st-pauls.surrey.sch.uk).

If you require further information regarding the role, please contact Mrs De Rosa, Headteacher's PA, at [mderosa@st-pauls.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:mderosa@st-pauls.surrey.sch.uk).  
CV's will not be accepted as applications.

Closing date: 9am on Monday 10 June 2024

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## INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME 2024



At Xavier Teach SouthEast, we are proud to offer an internship programme which provides those interested in teaching with the ideal opportunity to explore life in the classroom.

### NON-FUNDED AND FUNDED PROGRAMMES

- **Funded internship** for secondary chemistry, computing, languages, maths and physics undergraduates (£300pw)
- Non-funded internship for non-undergraduates and **all other secondary subjects and primary** teaching.
- **Aim:** to help undergraduates in all subjects, as well as those considering a career change, to explore how rewarding a career in teaching can be.

As part of the programme, you will:

- Get involved in all aspects of school life
- Receive bespoke training
- Work closely with a Mentor to observe and teach lessons
- Meet regularly with fellow Interns, ECTs and SCITT trainees
- Be given an opportunity to accelerate your interview process for our SCITT

*"The internship was a brilliant hands-on experience that gave me a wealth of knowledge about life as a primary school teacher. The programme gave me the best opportunity to gain first-hand experience teaching, observing and helping to plan lessons."*

Intern 2022

### INTERESTED?

Scan the QR code for the application form or visit [www.teachsoutheast.co.uk](http://www.teachsoutheast.co.uk)

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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.

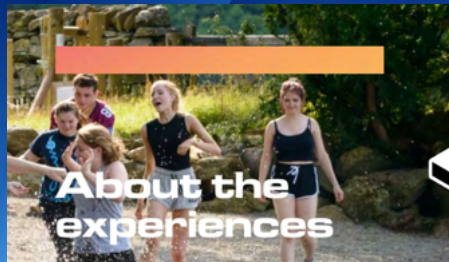
The experiences will help boost your young person's CV and college or university applications - highlighting the broader range of skills they've gained to employers and higher education providers.



Places are limited!  
Visit our website to secure a place today.



[WEARENCS.COM](https://www.wearencs.com)



## About the experiences



### 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.



## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)



### 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.

Places are limited!

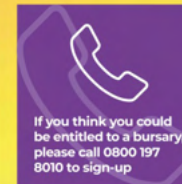
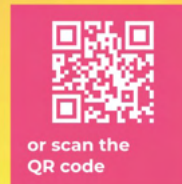
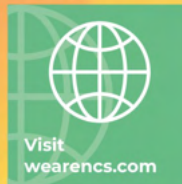
## Secure your place today



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- 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](mailto:askncs@ingeus.co.uk), or contact your local team:

