



OLD BUCKENHAM
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Dear Parents

As you know the last few weeks are very important in terms of final preparations for the exam season which is due to start soon after the Easter break. To help parents with the final phase we would like to invite you to a Year 11 support evening we will be holding on Monday 23rd April between 5.30pm and 7pm in the school Library and Room 3.

The evening will be informal: there is no need to make an appointment. It offers the opportunity for you to drop in at your convenience to speak to a member of the Senior Leadership Team, Head of Year and Pastoral Team regarding your child's progress and their Attitude for Learning. It will also give you an opportunity to speak with Ed Taylor (HoY) or Theresa Picksley (Pastoral) if you have any concerns regarding your child's well-being at this important time. We will have examples of recommended revision guides, suggested revision timetables, copies of the exam and study booster timetable available, and some excellent resources we will be sharing on how together we can power our students to perform well in the exams. We will also be logging any subject-specific queries or questions that we are unable to answer on the night to pass on to the relevant subject teams.

We would love to see as many of you there as are able to attend as we feel that students achieving their potential relies heavily on staff within school being kept well-informed, and us having the opportunity to support you in supporting your child.

This evening runs alongside the National Citizen Service (NCS). NCS is a hugely beneficial programme for young people aged 15-17. It runs outside of term time so it doesn't get in the way of school. The programme prepares every young person for a successful future by helping to develop vital work/life skills, increasing their confidence and providing them with an unforgettable experience.

Phase 1 – Adventure (Week 1): A four night, five day Monday to Friday residential visit to an outdoor activity centre where young people will take part in activities such as climbing, high/low ropes and abseiling, to build team-building, leadership, and communication skills, whilst undertaking challenges and stepping outside of their comfort zone

Phase 2 – Skills (Week 2): A four night, five day Monday to Friday residential visit less than an hour from home, including a programme of workshops and activities designed to develop life skills such as first aid, project management, personal finance, and much more.



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Phase 3 – Social Action (Weeks 3 & 4): Taking place across two weeks from Monday to Friday, young people will spend 60 hours as a group planning and organising a social action project of their choice based in their local community.

Celebration - The programme will culminate in a celebration event here at Norwich City Football Club, where the achievements of young people are celebrated and all participants will receive an NCS certificate.

Each NCS place is worth around £1500, however due to government funding it costs no more than £50 for the full four week programme including residential, food and transport costs for weeks 1 and 2. Bursaries are also available for those with financial hardships within their family. There is still time to secure a place on NCS this summer in your area. If you would like to get in touch for more information about NCS and how your child can take part, please email ncs@canaries.co.uk or call us on 01603 761122 or alternatively please visit the NCS website www.ncsyes.co.uk

As you know this is an extremely stressful time for young people and the balance between working hard and taking care of their well-being is difficult for them to manage. I would very much encourage you to talk to your son/daughter about striking that balance over the coming weeks. Mr Taylor, Mrs Picksley and Mrs Morgan are always on hand if you need to talk anything through

The Senior Senate, Mr Taylor and myself have been putting together the final arrangements for Leavers Day and the School Prom. Leavers day will be on the 20th June 2018, the day will start with a formal assembly which parents are invited to, afterwards Year 11 will have the opportunity to spend time with their friends followed by a BBQ and a relaxed afternoon. The School Prom is on 22nd June 2018 and the Senior Senate are well on the way in making the final plans for this.

Your sincerely



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