

Tuesday 25th May 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

RE: Year 11 National Citizen Service

As mentioned in yesterday's letter regarding intervention week, I am delighted to provide further details on opportunities for Year 11 students before the end of term. We are very pleased to confirm that the National Citizen Service will be delivering a 2-week programme for all St Edward's Year 11 students. The programme will take place in June 2021.

This is an amazing opportunity and I would like all students in Year 11 to take part. Working with the National Citizen Service is a great way for students to develop the important life skills that will help them stand out when applying for university, apprenticeships or a job. The programme will help build confidence, communication and leadership skills.

National Citizen Service Programme at St Edward's

Week 1: A personal and professional development week that runs from Monday to Friday and is based at school. These activities will set students up for their future. There will also be fun activities such as escape rooms and taskmaster style games. Students will then plan, design and pitch their social action project.

Week 2: The second week will run between Monday and Thursday. During this week, students will deliver their social action project to raise awareness or money for something they are passionate about.

When will the Programme run?

- The National Citizen Service Programme at St Edward's starts on **Monday 21st June 2021**.
- The programme will run daily from **8.50am-15:00pm**, with breaks.
- The majority of the programme will be delivered here at school and on the school fields.
- The social action project will run offsite where possible and we will send further details about this as soon as we can.
- Students will be supervised by National Citizen Service staff at all times.
- The programme will follow COVID protocols at all times.

Why participate in the National Citizen Service Programme?

- Over 500,000 people have already completed the National Citizen Service Programme.
- Participation with the National Citizen Service looks good on UCAS statements and develops the skills the employers want.

- The National Citizen Service gives young people a chance to build confidence and vital life skills.
- The National Citizen Service helps young people be heard in their local community.

How much will it cost?

There will be no cost to students for participating in the St Edward's National Citizen Service programme.

What if a student does not want to take part?

We hope that everyone will participate. The programme will be inclusive and will build the skills and confidence of all students. If your child will not be participating, they can attend additional study sessions around careers and extra learning.

What happens next?

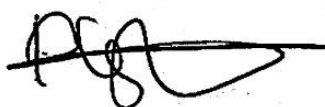
The National Citizen Service team will be meeting the Year group at a virtual assembly on Tuesday 25th May. They will be encouraged to 'sign up' using their phones, during the presentation.

Parents/carers then need to complete an online medical form. This form will be sent to the parent/carer email provided by the student when signing up at the assembly.

Students must sign up and a medical form must be completed to allow students to take part. For further information about the National Citizen Service please visit www.wearencs.com.

We truly value the National Citizen Service programme as a transformative scheme and hope you'll encourage your child to take part.

With my kind regards.



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