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WEAVERHAM HIGH SCHOOL AWARDED CHAMPION STATUS

Weaverham High School have been awarded champion school status for their involvement in National Citizen Service (NCS), a government-backed youth programme for teenagers.

Weaverham High School received the status in recognition of the continued support given to the scheme, encouraging more than 50 students to take part in NCS, which helps young people develop a broad range of skills that have life-long value, such as leadership, team working, confidence, independent thinking and community responsibility.

NCS is delivered in Cheshire West and Cheshire East by Youth Federation, a charity based in Ellesmere Port who are dedicated to improving the lives of young people and enabling them to thrive, regardless of their background or circumstance.

“We’re delighted to offer ongoing support for NCS as we believe it plays a vital role in the development of our students as they transform into adulthood,” said Ann-Marie Morgan, NCS Area Manager at Youth Federation.

Each of the Schools have been awarded the certificate, signed by the Prime Minister, from former NCS graduates at a special ceremony to mark the achievements of each champion school in the region. The graduate presenters, who hosted the event throughout, enthusiastically outlined the positive impact that NCS had on them and what they had gained by taking part.



NCS is an opportunity open to all 16 and 17 year olds across England. Over the course of four weeks, participants spend time away from home experiencing outdoor life to its full, working with local businesses and charities to build new skills. Young people then put their new skills to good use to create a project that will help others better enjoy the local community.

To date, over 500,000 young people have taken part in NCS, which is delivered regionally by Ingeus, in partnership with local youth organisations such as Youth Federation.

“All of our champion schools can be really proud of what they have achieved,” said Ingeus NCS National Marketing Manager, Sarah Hartley. “They have fully supported their young people and encouraged them to aim high. All of our graduates and their schools have achieved some amazing results, of which they can all be really proud.”

Northwich schools involved in NCS:

Weaverham High School

Hartford Church of England High School

The Grange School

The County High School Leftwich

St Nicholas Catholic High School

University of Chester Academy Northwich

To find out more visit www.NCSYES.CO.UK

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About Youth Fed

Youth Fed are a North West based charity that brings together young people in need with people prepared to help.

Youth Fed provide support for youth groups, connect youth professionals with training programmes and give a leg up to young people between the ages of 5 and 29 — especially those who need it most.

To find out more visit <https://www.youthfed.org.uk/>

About NCS

National Citizen Service (NCS) is a government backed programme established in 2011 to help build a more cohesive, mobile and engaged society. By bringing together young people from different backgrounds for a unique shared experience, NCS helps them to become better individuals and, in turn, better citizens.

NCS is open to all 16 and 17-year-olds across England and Northern Ireland. It is a unique two to four-week full-time programme, which takes place in school holidays. Focused around fun and discovery, it includes outdoor team-building exercises, a residential for participants to learn life skills, a community-based social action project, and an end of programme celebration event.

To date, over 500,000 young people have taken part, completing more than 12 million hours of community action.

NCS is recognised by UCAS and taking part is a sought-after addition to any CV. It costs participants just £50 or less to take part in NCS and bursaries are available on a case by case basis. Support is provided for young people with additional needs.



The programmes are delivered regionally by Ingeus, a leading provider of services that make a positive, lasting difference to people's lives, in partnership with local youth organisations.

To find out more visit www.NCSYES.CO.UK