



# NCS Elevate Programme 2021



## The NCS Elevate Programme

### Context:

Since the NCS opened in 2014, our vision has been to provide a high-quality holistic education to able students in Newham. Having been open for 6 years now with a proven track record for achieving outstanding A Level results and NCS Alumni attending the Ivy League Universities, Oxbridge, Russell Groups and competitive school leaver programmes; we want to open up the doors of the NCS and support more students in our borough.

This year we launch our NCS Elevate Programme; an opportunity for a select number of students to study at the NCS with lowered grade requirements and targeted support to access the most competitive UK and overseas Universities. The NCS Elevate Programme is for students who do not meet the standard entry requirements of the NCS because of additional personal challenges in their life, but show potential and commitment to their learning. The Elevate Programme will consider students who have faced barriers in their learning but demonstrate qualities such as resilience, grit, determination and a strong desire to change their life chances.

We recognise that there are a number of personal circumstances causing disruption to students' academic attainment during their secondary school years, therefore grades may not always be the best indication of a student's potential and talent. We believe in the talent and potential of ambitious young people and intend to provide a holistic education. This is an opportunity for students who believe they would thrive at the NCS and achieve in an academic, demanding environment with an ambitious student body.

**If you are committed to your studies, ambitious, willing to put in the work and show potential, we want to hear from you. Make an application!**

\*Please note, you cannot make two applications to the NCS – If you meet the standard NCS entry requirements you should apply through the **main NCS platform**. You will also need the support of a Senior Leader in your school or Head of Year who will be required to confirm the circumstances which led to you not achieving your full potential and can provide a strong reference that you will thrive in an academically rigorous, disciplined and demanding learning environment.

**In addition to the brilliant teaching and resources available at the NCS, students enrolled on the Elevate programme will receive:**

- Personalised support to select facilitating A Level subjects
- Pre Y12 Summer programme to prepare for A Level learning
- Coaching from our executive NCS Coach
- Mentoring/ termly catch ups with the Social Mobility lead
- NCS bursary (if you meet the socioeconomic requirements)
- Support with post-18 options and direct links with a particular Oxbridge college

## Eligibility Criteria

[Socio-economic indicators]

- Currently attend a state school in **Newham** and have always attended a state school
- FSM **or** a combined household income below £38,000 **or** are in the care of the local authority/have previously been in care
- Reference from a member of SLT, Year leader/ Head of year who recommends you for the programme
- Grade 6 and 7 in the majority of your GCSE subjects or a grade 7-8 if you want to study Biology (we will ask for the grades of your most recent Mock exam as evidence)
- Strong behaviour, attendance and punctuality record

We understand that grades are not always the best reflection of a student's ability at GCSE where personal circumstances have prevented a student from achieving their potential. The focus of the Elevate programme is to support students who show that in the right environment and with a new opportunity they would thrive in a scholarly and academically demanding environment.

Below is a list of individual qualities for an ideal candidate:

### **Personal qualities:**

Hardworking, strong work ethic

Show academic potential to develop and excel

Committed to learning, willing to put in the time for revision

Resilient

Adaptable

Optimistic about learning and making progress

Ambitious

Inquisitive

Determined

Organised

**\*If you are invited to Interview we will assess you based on these qualities.**

## What Will You Study?

You will study 3 subjects in Y12. We encourage you to pick subjects that you will enjoy but also to consider how your subjects complement each other in terms of content and the skills required.

### **Subjects offered:**

English

History

Government & Politics

Economics

Psychology

P.R.E.

Geography

Biology \*must have a grade 7-9 in single science or 7/7 in combined science at GCSE

## Key Dates:

Applications open: January 2021

Livestream and Q&A with the Principal: End of Feb or early March

Application deadline: Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April

Interviews with the Principal: May 2021

Decisions: June 2021

Summer programme for Elevate students – August 2021

Y12 begins: September 2021

## To Make An NCS Elevate Application

Please note, you cannot make two applications to the NCS – if you meet the standard entry requirements, you should apply directly to the NCS [here](#).

- Download the application form [here](#), and complete it as a PDF or Word document saved as 'Name Surname, School name' for example 'John Doe, Elevate Academy. Once you have completed the application please email it to: [NCS-Elevate@ncs6.org](mailto:NCS-Elevate@ncs6.org)
- Your application will involve a personal statement, we suggest you begin to work on this as soon as you can. A personal statement should be detailed and well researched, we want to know about you, your academic interests and experiences.
- The personal statement should be no more than **one page of A4 in font 11** with the standard/ wide margins on word.

### Personal Statement Guidance:

- Why the NCS – the NCS benefits a particular type of student who thrives in a high achieving, scholarly environment – will you thrive in this environment? Why?
- What barriers have you faced in your schooling so far, how have you tried to overcome them?
- How will the NCS support you?
- What's your work ethic like? Is it suited to the expectations at the NCS?

- The NCS Elevate application requires the names and emails of **two referees** - one of whom should be your Head of Year/Year leader who personally recommends you for this programme. The other person must be someone in your school who can comment on your academic ability i.e. a subject teacher. Please remember to include this in your application form.

We look forward to reading your applications. If you have any questions or require assistance please email: [NCS-Elevate@ncs6.org](mailto:NCS-Elevate@ncs6.org)