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Champion school status delight for head Mike

WILLIAM de Ferrers School has been awarded champion school status for its involvement in National Citizen Service (NCS), a government-backed youth programme for teenagers.

This was awarded in recognition of the continued support given to the scheme, 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.

Head teacher Mike Applewhite said: "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."

Sarah Hartley, national marketing manager at Ingeus NCS, said: "All of our champion schools can be really

proud of what they have achieved,

"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."

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, residential for participants to learn life skills, a community-based social action project, and an end of programme celebration event.

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



Mike Applewhite, head teacher, receiving the award from former NCS graduates at a special ceremony to mark the achievements of each champion school in the region
RUTH KNIGHT



An amazing £611 was raised at Woodham Walter Primary School

Numbers day adds up to £600 for charity

THE children of Woodham Walter Primary School took part in a numbers day to raise money for the NSPCC.

They spent the morning completing different activities, which included a times table/number bond challenge.

They had to complete the challenges within a certain time

limit, which were set appropriate for their level.

The children asked their friends and families to sponsor them to raise as much money as possible for the NSPCC.

Claire Lethbridge, lead on numeracy at the school, said: "The children thoroughly enjoyed the challenge, they were raising money

for a fabulous cause and reinforcing their times tables and number bonds at the same time."

The children managed to raise an astonishing £611.

Claire added: "On behalf of the charity we would like to say a huge thank you to all the families who kindly donated money for such a worthy cause".



Maltings Academy Brilliant Club

Twelve academy students are members of the Brilliant Club

YEAR 7 and 8 students at Maltings Academy, part of Academies Enterprise Trust in Witham, have been selected to take part in the Brilliant Club by Cambridge University.

The university access charity's mission is to increase the number of young people from under-represented backgrounds attending highly selective universities.

The group of 12 students will work with mentors each week for six weeks before producing a 2,500-word assignment which will be marked in university style grading.

Emma Fox, Most Able Lead, said: "These are our most able students who should be aspiring to go to university. The project is a way of encouraging them to consider what university might be like and raising their aspirations."

"The Brilliant Club will help them to develop study and time management skills they will need at university, as well as getting them to think about things not on the normal curriculum."

The students will submit their assignments for marking in June.