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Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are delighted to let you know that this year your son/daughter will be given the opportunity to sign up to NCS, a government-funded programme for 15-17 year olds. Working through physical, personal and creative challenges, this once-in-a-lifetime experience empowers young people to **build skills and confidence** to get ahead in work and life, whilst engaging with their local area.

The Challenge, the country's largest provider of NCS, is delivering over 2000 places in Berkshire and Buckinghamshire in summer 2019. It is a **part-residential experience** taking place over **18 days over the summer**, with breaks. The first section is residential at an outdoor activity centre, with all meals, kit and accommodation provided.

Teams develop their leadership and teamwork skills by working with some of the best outdoor instructors in the UK, enabling them to create friendships and build confidence. After a short break, young people return for part two and gain new skills in public speaking, creative communication and enterprise with a professional practitioner. Finally, teams have the opportunity to design, pitch and deliver their own social action project. Once completed, participants graduate and receive a **certificate signed by the Prime Minister**.

The programme is valued at over **£1500 per head**, but The Challenge only asks for a contribution of **maximum £50**. The application fee covers all accommodation, food, transport, and specialist kit for the residential parts of the programme. Financial support is also available.

We highly recommend this unique and valuable opportunity and hope you will encourage your child to take part!

Our NCS team have been in school delivering events in the past few months – however – you can still get involved by booking your place online **NOW at [ncsy.es.co.uk](http://ncsy.es.co.uk)**.

## YOUR NCS JOURNEY

### PHASE 1 - ADVENTURE

A five-day, four-night residential based away from home with fun activities such as canoeing, rock climbing and abseiling. A chance to meet new people and enjoy some adventure, fun and freedom!

### PHASE 2 - DISCOVERY

A further 5 days and four nights in a uni-style environment where you'll develop life skills like confidence, leadership and communication to boost your CV or UCAS personal statement.

### PHASE 3 - ACTION

Working in teams, you'll put your new skills into practice by delivering a community project of your choice. Plan, fundraise, make a difference!

### GRADUATION

You and your mates will get together to celebrate your achievements. NCS opens up a world of opportunities, giving you exclusive access to work placements, volunteering and events.

Don't miss your chance to do NCS! In one amazing summer, you'll live away from home, develop skills to boost your CV, and meet amazing people you'll never forget. So what are you waiting for? Change starts at yes!