

5th February 2018



Dear Parent/ Carer

I am delighted to let you know that this term your young person will be given the opportunity to sign up to National Citizen Service (NCS), a government-funded programme for years 11 and 12. 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 is the country's largest provider of NCS and is delivering 1000's of places across Summer 2018. It is an 18 day programme set up to develop new skills throughout the entire process with the first two parts being residential with all meals, kit and accommodation provided. First, 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 phase two where they stay away from home in accommodation provided and gain new skills. Finally, teams have the unique opportunity to design, pitch and deliver their own social action project. Then they graduate, receive a signed certificate from the Prime Minister and join the graduate programme, The Challenge Society.

The programme is worth over £1000 per head, but as it is government backed they only ask for a maximum of £50 for a young person to take part with financial assistance available when needed. At our school The Challenge are also offering an early applicants' discount of **£35** when applying online by **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2018**. The application fee covers all accommodation, food, transport and specialist kit for the residential parts of the programme.

Representatives from NCS are speaking to **Year 11 and Year 12 students in a presentation on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2018 from 1:30pm** during which your young person will have the opportunity to express their interest in the programme. We also invite you to join this event. For more information visit **NCS<sup>THE</sup>CHALLENGE.ORG** where you will also be able to book a place on the website.

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

Yours sincerely

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D Grogan  
Assistant Headteacher

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**NCS Presentation**

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I will/ will not be attending the NCS presentation being held on 27<sup>th</sup> February at 1.30pm.**

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_