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Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am delighted to let you know that during this term your son/daughter will be given the opportunity to sign up to National Citizen Service (NCS) - a once-in-a-lifetime experience for 15 – 17 year olds that builds skills and confidence and helps them get ahead in work and life.

The NCS Summer programme is an intensive 3 week programme (with days off in between) during the Summer holidays and located in the Birmingham area.

The first part of the programme is residential, with all meals, kit and accommodation provided. In this part, teams get active by developing their leadership and teamwork skills, create friendships and build confidence by working with some of the best outdoor instructors in the UK.

In part two, young people gain new skills in an area they are passionate about, working with industry professionals. Whilst staying at university style accommodation they will organise a shopping list for meals they will then cook for each other in their flats.

Finally, teams make their mark and have the unique opportunity to design and deliver their own social action project.

NCS is the perfect way to get a head start on their future. For anyone thinking about applying to university, NCS gives young people life experiences and skills to discuss on their personal statement to boost their application. Equally for those going into employment, it allows them to demonstrate they have the skills desired by a prospective employer.

Each place on the programme costs over £1200, but as it is government backed, all the organisation asks for is a contribution of £50. A discounted price of £35 is available if the payment is **made online before 2nd February 2015**. There are no hidden costs – all food, transport, accommodation and specialist kit is provided. Financial support is also available to ensure that cost is not a barrier – just get in touch with your local coordinator directly on the details below.

Representatives from NCS will be presenting at a Year 11 assembly on **12th January 2015**, during which your son/daughter will have the opportunity to express their interest in the programme.

For more information and to book a place visit **www.NCSTheChallenge.org**, or contact Niamh Grego, the local NCS Coordinator, at niamh.grego@the-challenge.org or on 07876 836 466.

We recommend this unique and valuable opportunity and hope that you may wish your son/daughter to take part.

Yours sincerely,

Head of Year 11 and 12