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Dear Parent/Carer

National Citizen Service

I am delighted to let you know that this term your child 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, delivered over 40,000 places in London over summer 2017. It is a part-residential programme beginning with three parts taking place over 18 days in the summer, with breaks. The first two sections are 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 part two where they stay in residential accommodation at a London university. Finally, teams have the opportunity to design, pitch and deliver their own social action project. Once completed, participants graduate and receive a signed certificate from the Prime Minister.

Delivering the programme costs £1500.00 per participant, but The Challenge only asks for a **contribution of a maximum of £50.00** Additionally, we are more than happy to offer financial support, as we do not want price to be a barrier to anyone. The application fee covers all accommodation, food, transport, and specialist kit for the residential parts of the programme.

Representatives from NCS are speaking at an assembly on **Monday 22 January 2018** during which your child will have the opportunity to express their interest in the programme. For more information and to book a place for your young person, please visit www.ncsthechallenge.org or contact me at ttega.idogho@the-challenge.org.

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

Yours faithfully

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