



Dear Parent/Guardian,

This summer, your teenager has the opportunity to participate in the National Citizen Service (NCS), a government-funded programme for 15-17 year olds. It's an amazing way for them to build new skills, meet new people and fast track their future.

NCS is delivered by a national network of youth and community organisations and your local provider, The Challenge, is the country's largest provider of NCS.

Nationally, 87% of NCS graduates feel more confident in themselves and 79% feel they have developed skills for their future after finishing NCS. Your teenager has the chance to build their confidence and make a difference in their community, and it's a fantastic addition to any CV, personal statement or UCAS form. Over three weeks during the summer holidays, young people take part in outdoor activities, skills workshops and delivering a social action project in their community which all contribute to building skills for work and life.

Although the programme costs over £1000 to deliver, each place costs just £50 through government backing. Financial assistance is available on request. It's easy to book your place on www.ncsthechallenge.org and applications are open now for various dates across summer!

Once your teenager completes their NCS journey, they attend a graduation where they receive a signed certificate from the Prime Minister. Each NCS graduate can continue to access opportunities in their local area, so they can grow their personal and professional networks after they finish.

The NCS team will be coming into an Assembly at Pudsey Grangefield School on Friday 19th January and there will be a special offer on costing the programme only £35 for up to 3 weeks after the assembly (until 9th February) if payment is submitted before then.

Over 300,000 teenagers have already benefited from taking part in NCS; make sure your teenager doesn't miss out. If you'd like to find out more visit: **www.ncsthechallenge.org**.

Yours sincerely,

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