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Dear Parent/Guardian,

A quick note to tell you all about the **National Citizen Service (NCS) Autumn Programme!** This is a once in a lifetime experience for 16 & 17 year olds of all abilities and backgrounds across the UK, which will help fast track their future. In this pack, I have included all the paperwork needed to secure a place on the programme. I have also provided some additional information that explains what the NCS programme is and why it is a fantastic opportunity.

The NCS launched in 2011 and to date over 500,000 teenagers have taken part in this life-changing programme. 3.3 million hours have been dedicated from NCS graduates to social action projects, designed to improve local communities, and over 3000 schools have participated.

On the programme, participants will learn new skills, make new friends and unforgettable memories, take on new challenges and adventures and make a positive, long lasting contribution to the community. This will take place out of schools time with our programme running during the October half term. NCS is split into three different phases that are as follows:

#### Phase 1:

Your teenager will go on an adventure residential at an outdoor activity centre in Cirencester for 4 days and 3 nights. Here they will enjoy exciting instructor led group activities such as sailing, canoeing and team building activities.

**Date: 20/10/18-23/10/18**

**Location: South Cerney Outdoor, South Cerney**

#### Phase 2:

During this phase, your teenager will spend three days participating in activities and workshops to help develop skills and life experiences. These include enterprise, first aid, risk management and mental health to name just a few.

**Date: 24/10/18-26/10/18**

**Location: Pippins Community Centre, Axminster**

#### Phase 3:

This phase involves designing and running a social action project in the local community with their team to make a real difference where needed. Previous projects have included cooking and serving food for the homeless shelter, renovating community building and raising awareness of mental health. Social action projects come entirely from the young people and are based on their strengths, interests and passions

**Date: 27/10/18-28/10/18 and 3/11/18-4/11/18**

**Location: To be decided by the young people themselves**

There are some amazing benefits by signing up to the NCS that is reflected by the astonishing numbers of young people that have already taken part in the programme.



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## These include:

- Enhanced CVs and job applications
- Enhanced University applications (NCS is officially recognised by UCAS)
- The development of new skills for work and life
- Developing communication, teamwork and leadership skills
- Increased confidence and independence
- New friendships and memories that will last a lifetime
- Further unique volunteering and work experience opportunities through the graduate programme

It is important to us that all young people regardless of ability, income, ethnicity, disability, faith and background get the opportunity to take part in the programme. Each place is valued at over £1400 however as NCS is Government funded we are able to offer a place at a cost of just £50 per person. Because the Autumn programme is shorter, we are able to offer an additional discount of £15 so the whole experience for just £35 (**quote promotional code of AUT18**). Financial support is also available if necessary and bursaries are available for those who are eligible for free school meals, who have special educational needs or who are in care.

You can find out more about NCS, its benefits and stories from our recent graduates online by visiting [www.ncsyes.co.uk](http://www.ncsyes.co.uk)

## How do I guarantee a place on NCS for my young person?

1. Sign up online: [www.ncsyes.co.uk](http://www.ncsyes.co.uk)
2. Sign up over the phone by speaking to a member of the NCS team on 0800 197 8010

This is a once in a lifetime opportunity that cannot be missed! There are limited number of places on offer and they will be granted on a first come first served basis. To ensure your place, you must sign up online or call a team member on the number above.

If you have any questions about the NCS programme or the sign up process please do not hesitate to give me or a member of the NCS team a call.

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