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Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am delighted to inform you that this term your child is being given the opportunity to sign up to NCS, a government-funded programme for 15-17 year olds.

NCS is a part-residential programme that lasts 18 days in the summer spread over 4 weeks, which focusses on physical, personal and creative challenges. This once-in-a-lifetime experience empowers young people and enables them to build the skills and confidence to get ahead in work and life, whilst engaging with their local area.

During the first part of NCS, your child will spend a week away in a team of other young people getting the chance to develop their leadership and teamwork skills whilst working with the best outdoor instructors in the UK. After a short break, the young people return for a further residential trip to try out University-style accommodation and gain new skills in their chosen area of interest such as Enterprise, Media, Sport, Photography and Drama with a professional practitioner. Finally, for the final section of NCS, the teams have the opportunity to design, pitch and deliver a social action project that will positively impact their own community.

Each place costs hundreds of pounds, but The Challenge only asks for a maximum of £50! The application fee covers everything: all accommodation, food, transport, and specialist kit for the residential parts of the programme. Further financial support is also available and more information about this can be provided on request.

Being government-backed, we have the facilities to offer any support that is required to ensure that every young person is able to take part in NCS. We can provide two-to-one, 24 hour care and have a completely flexible approach when it comes to understanding and catering to additional support needs. After you sign-up, our Inclusion Support Services will be in contact to find out exactly how we can make sure that your child will be completely safe, supported and has a brilliant time with the rest of their team.

Representatives from the NCS will be holding an assembly at Sir William Ramsay on the 24th of February in which your child has the chance to express an interest in the programme and learn everything there is to know about NCS. To find out more about NCS and to book a place, visit **www.ncsthechallenge.org** or contact me on the details below.

Yours sincerely,

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