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Dear Parent or Guardian,

My name is Chris Maddock and I am an Assistant Account Manager here at **The Challenge**, the country's largest provider of **National Citizen Service**, which is a national 18 day Summer and Autumn 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 whilst rewarding themselves for all their hard work after the academic year.

Nationally, 87% of their 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 the perfect addition to any CV, personal statement, or UCAS form.

The Challenge is an **organisation committed to inclusivity**, and as such the programme they offer can be adapted to meet the needs of students with a wide range of needs. The Challenge maintain a consistent staff ratio of no less than 12:1 throughout their programme, and can provide 1:1 full time support if required. In addition there are logistical, linguistic and travel adjustments that can be made.

- The first two parts are residential, with **all meals, kit and accommodation provided**. First, teams of 12 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, this is for 5 days and 4 nights.
- After a short break, young people return for part two where they stay in independent living style accommodation for 5 days and 4 nights and gain new skills in an area they are passionate about.
- Finally, teams make their mark and have the unique opportunity to design and deliver their own social action project, over eight non-residential days. Teams then graduate, **receive a signed certificate from the Prime Minister** and can join the graduate programme, The Challenge Society.

Each place costs £30 through government backing and financial assistance is available on request. Representatives from The Challenge are coming to speak to and tell Year 11 students about NCS on the **13th February 2019**. **You are invited to attend from 1.30-3.00pm to gain some more information on the programme and ask any questions on the day.**

Please look at our website NCSYES.CO.UK for more information and to complete an application.

Yours sincerely,

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