



Dear Parent/Guardian,

We have some very exciting news! NCS is now available for your son/daughter to take part in this Autumn!

The National Citizen Service (NCS) is an experience you don't want your son/daughter to miss out on. This is a fantastic chance for them to embark on new challenges, give back to their local community and build skills which will really benefit their future. More than 400,000 young people across England and Northern Ireland have already taken part in this amazing experience.

NCS takes place in the October half term (19th-26 October 2018). It consists of three main phases which are Adventure, Discovery and Social Action.

Phase 1 is all about adventure, having fun and making new friends. Your son/daughter will spend the first 3 days at an outdoor activity centre on the Isle of Wight taking part in some amazing activities such as kayaking, surfing and stand up paddle boarding. The rest of the week is non-residential and is based around the Bournemouth area and the days run from 9.30-4.30.

Phase 2 is a different kind of fun and focuses on expanding the skill sets of the young people which they will take forward into university or employment.

Phase 3 is all about Social Action and helping people in the local community. On the 26th of October the teams will be planning their projects and they will need to complete their volunteering hours as a team over November. This phase allows the young people to really get creative and focus on their passions to make a real difference to people's lives. This could be running a Mental Health Awareness campaign, raising money to fill backpacks with essential items for the homeless or fundraising for local hospital charities. This part of the project is also great for their own

development as they will get to practice the key skills which are sought after by universities and employers.



Let's face it – life's too short for your son/daughter to be stuck indoors. So why not kick-start their future with an experience they'll never forget! The government invests at least £1,000 for each young person to take part but thanks to government support, the most you'll ever pay for the NCS Autumn course is **£25**. Just use the code **AUTUMN25** when signing up. This cost could be less or even free depending on your circumstances and NCS provider.

NCS programmes are very popular and courses do fill up quickly, therefore, it is important to secure your son/daughter's place as soon as possible.

To find out more or to sign up please visit our website www.ncsyet.co.uk or call your local NCS Delivery Provider which is BCHA on **01202 410550**.

Kind Regards,
The NCS Team