



Dear Parent/Guardian,

This term, your son has the opportunity to sign up to the National Citizen Service (NCS), the Government-funded summer and autumn youth development programme for 15 to 17 year olds. It is an excellent way to build new skills, meet new people, and contribute to developing a more integrated society.

NCS can give your son the chance to build his confidence and make a difference in his community. It is a strong addition to any CV, personal statement, or UCAS form. Since its launch in 2011, over 400,000 young people have taken part in NCS and joined a network of graduates nationwide.

During summer and autumn 2017, 23 students from Reading School signed up to the NCS programme. It is important to continue this success into 2018 as we believe the NCS experience greatly improves vital skills such as confidence, leadership, resilience and communication.

This year within Berkshire and South Buckinghamshire, NCS participants made a massive difference to their local community by raising over £36,000 for local charities and volunteering over 25,000 hours of their time. NCS has been endorsed by the Department of Education as recognized by UCAS as a differentiator that helps students stand out in university applications.

The programme is worth over £1,500, but due to Government backing each place costs a maximum of £50, and financial assistance can be provided. The fee covers meals, equipment, and accommodation for the entire programme.

Once your son completes their NCS journey, they attend their graduation and receive a signed certificate from the Prime Minister. NCS graduates can access to even more opportunities as graduates, so going on the programme just the beginning!

The NCS team came into Reading School on the **2nd 6th, and 23rd of February 2018** to discuss opportunities for this summer. I encourage you to visit ncsthechallenge.org to book one of the remaining places available.

Yours sincerely,

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Headmaster