

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am delighted to let you know that this term your teenager will be given the opportunity to sign up to NCS, a government-funded summer programme for 15-17 year olds. Working through physical, personal and creative challenges, this once-in-a-lifetime experience empowers young people to build skills and confidence to get ahead in work and life.

NCS gives young people the chance to build their confidence and make a difference in their community, and it's the perfect addition to any CV or personal statement. Last summer, nineteen students from Stoke Newington School took part in NCS. The NCS experience is residential and takes place during the summer holidays, after GCSEs, and we have 12 different start dates in order to work around your plans.

Delivering the programme costs over one thousand pound per head, but we only ask for a **maximum contribution of £50**. We are offering your teenager an **exclusive offer**: if you pay for NCS by Wednesday 14th February, it will only cost **£35**. The application fee covers all accommodation, food, transport, and specialist kit for the residential parts of the programme. Financial assistance is available, so if this is something you would like to discuss please don't hesitate to get in touch. NCS is an inclusive programme and can make any necessary adjustments for your child, including dietary, health and religious needs.

NCS is delivered by a range of youth and community organisations, including charities. The Challenge is the largest provider of NCS and members of staff from The Challenge will be coming into a Year 11 assembly at Stoke Newington School on Wednesday January 24th to give your teenager the opportunity to express interest in taking part. The NCS team will also be giving a brief presentation at the Year 11 parents' meeting in the evening on Wednesday 24th, so please come along to find out more and ask us any questions.

For more information and to book a place, visit www.ncsthechallenge.org or contact our central team on **02035105050** to complete an application and ask any questions.

Yours sincerely,

Jess Brown
NCS Engagement Coordinator

