



Dear Parent / Carer,

A member of The **National Citizen Service (NCS)** Oxfordshire Team recently visited your son's/ daughter's school to talk about our amazing upcoming opportunities. The NCS experience is the government's largest youth and community experience and programme enabling young people (aged 15 - 17) to gain skills in leadership, communication, teamwork and overall independence and gain a nationally recognized certificate. Our Oxfordshire Summer 2018 experience is accessible to all year 11 and 12 students, with completion of the programme highly valued by universities, colleges and employers. NCS is valued at £1,500 but because of government funding, we can provide places from as little as £35.

Programme Details:

Phase 1: Adventure

All participants will be taken to an outdoor residential activity centre in an idyllic location out of the county, where they will take part in activities such as abseiling, caving, rock climbing, surfing and canoeing. A coach will pick all participants up from a centralised Oxfordshire location and take them to the centre. All equipment for activities will be provided, as well as food and accommodation.

Phase 2: Discovery

After going back home and relaxing for the weekend, all participants will return for a local festival themed residential and camp at our stunning **Hill End Centre Eynsham Road, Oxford, OX2 9NJ**. It is here all participants engage in workshops that have been designed to make you stand out to potential employers, universities and prepare you for phase 3. There is also plenty of time to chill out next to our camp fire, watch movies in the large on site stretch tent and hang out with friends

Phase 3: Social Action

Participants within their teams will identify a cause or charity they are passionate about, and invent a campaign or fundraising project to aid them. This is a chance to show their initiative, teamwork and leadership skills and come up with an original and ambitious project.

Phase 4: Celebration

Participants receive a nationally recognised certificate signed by the prime minister and have the chance to celebrate all achievements with friends, family and dignitaries at a prestigious event held in central Oxfordshire.

To sign up for just £35

1. Visit our website and complete a medical and consent form (www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/ncs)
2. Put £35 cash in the envelope provided and return this to an NCS representative. We will be returning to your school at lunch in few days' time to tell you more about the programme. We will also provide a receipt for the payment.

NB: If you would prefer not to bring cash to school, you will be able to call our office and pay over the phone before the lunchtime event. If you miss this deadline, it will be £50 to sign up. There are additional bursaries available further financial assistance is required. Please call the office. Unfortunately we cannot accept cheques.

We look forward to welcoming your son / daughter to the programme. If you have any questions, please get in touch.

Best wishes,

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