



Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am delighted to let you know that this autumn your child will be given the opportunity to participate in the National Citizen Service (NCS), a government-funded 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, whilst engaging with their local community.

UFA, an educational charity which runs NCS programmes across the UK, have a very limited number of places remaining in Milton Keynes for Autumn 2016, these are being offered on a first come, first served basis. Each place on the programme is valued at close to £1,200, however, the government are looking to invest this money into all 15-17 year olds in the country. Therefore, the programme will cost no more than **£50** for all young people. This includes transport, food and accommodation.

NCS takes place across one week in the October half term. Phase one (Fri-Mon) takes place at one of the best outdoor activity centres in the country, Condover Hall, where young people will participate in a week of team challenges such as rock climbing, kayaking, and archery.

Phase two (Tues-Thurs) will require young people to travel in and out of Milton Keynes each day, where young people will get the chance to develop skills for the future such as public speaking, how to set up a business, and industry experience.

The last phase of the programme (Fri) young people will have the chance to create, design, and deliver a project of their choice within the local area. The project will take 24 hours to complete, that can be achieved when times best suit them and their groups.

After completing the programme, students will graduate and receive a certificate signed by the Prime Minister. NCS is well recognised on university applications, with top apprenticeships, internships and at colleges across the country.

Please visit www.ncsyas.co.uk to find out more information. You can also contact Carl Lofty 07793244383, clofty@ufa.org.uk, of the local NCS team, if you have any questions.

As a school, we see the positive impact NCS has on young people and their personal development so we would recommend this unique and valuable opportunity and hope you will encourage your child to take part.

To ensure that your son/ daughter can get a place on the programme then it is important that they collect an application from Michelle White and get it posted off as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Carl Lofty

**Students with a tax credit or who are on Free School Meals are eligible for a bursary and will be able to receive a discounted price – simply contact Carl if this is the case.*