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Dear Parents/Guardians

I am delighted to let you know that this term at Bishop Wordsworth's Grammar School your child will be given the opportunity to sign up to 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 education charity which runs NCS programmes across the UK, are delivering 1100 places in Bath & Wiltshire in Summer 2019. The programme has three elements:

First, teams spend five days away (4 nights) developing their leadership and teamwork skills at a fantastic outdoor activity centre, undertaking challenges, creating friendships and building their confidence.

After a short break over the weekend, young people return for the second week where they stay away from home for another four nights and gain new skills while working as a team.

Finally, teams have the unique opportunity to create, present and deliver their own project in their local area. This is non-residential and takes place over 2 weeks during which the teams design their project, then during the second week they get a chance to make that project a reality.

When this is complete, they graduate and receive a signed certificate from the Prime Minister. NCS has proven benefits in helping young people when applying for jobs, university places and apprenticeships. It's a great way to stand out from the competition and gives young people experiences and skills to draw on.

We have 6 dates available which are 1 July, 8 July, 15 July, 22 July, 29 July and 5 August.

Even though each place is valued at more than £1,450, thanks to government backing NCS costs you no more than a **£50** admin fee. This **cost covers accommodation, food and transport** during the residential parts, as well as all activities and equipment throughout NCS. Representatives from NCS are speaking at an assembly on Thursday 24 January during which your child will have the opportunity to express their interest in the programme.

For more information, visit www.ncsyet.co.uk.

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. If you have any further questions or want to sign up, please contact your local NCS Coordinator, Victoria Bromage 07885 464796 or vbromage@ufa.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

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