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Dear Parent/Carer

### **National Citizen Service**

You may have heard in the press recently, that there will be 30,000 places available across the country, for the government's flagship initiative, the National Citizen Service.

National Citizen Service (NCS) provides young people aged 16 from all backgrounds with the opportunity to take on new challenges, learn new skills and make a difference by getting involved with their local community. **It includes a residential week at an outdoor activity centre and a self-designed social action project** and runs during the summer for two weeks full time with an additional 30 hours to be completed in participants own time in their communities.

I am pleased to let you know that we (Education Business Partnership) are one of the two organisations in the Hampshire/Portsmouth/IOW area piloting the second year of this project, and we can offer a number of places at a minimal cost of £50 per student.

Your child's Head of Year 11 should already have received a letter about this project from the Schools Minister and there are more details on the following link: <http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/YoungPeople/Workandcareers/Workexperienceandvolunteering/NationalCitizenService/index.htm>

The EBP has visited your child's school today to give a presentation to explain this opportunity to Year 11 students during an assembly. Your child has expressed an interest in taking part in this programme and has given their contact details so that we may pass on more details later on this term. At this point, they **have not** entered in to any commitment to take part, but have stated that they would like to find out more. We will be posting further details on our website [www.portsmouthebp.co.uk](http://www.portsmouthebp.co.uk).

Yours sincerely



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