

16th October 2020

Dear Families,

I am writing to you with a few updates about the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award.

Firstly, just a reminder that your child is enrolled on the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award. The Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award is an international qualification which can be built on in Further Education. The Award recognises activities which many students will already be undertaking. The Award looks great on post-secondary applications, scholarships, CVs and resumes. It also gives young people an opportunity to talk about themselves and their passions outside of their formal education.

Participants of the award must traditionally complete twelve sessions from three disciplines: physical, volunteering and skill. At this challenging time, we are looking at different ways for students to complete activities to contribute to the Bronze Award. Completion of each individual activity will lead to a recognised certificate. We are looking at:

- using PSHE activities from this year/last year which demonstrate skills
- students walking/cycling in their own time (or to and from school) as their physical skill
- students writing letters to vulnerable people in the community with positive message during the pandemic as their volunteering

Here is a link to the D of E website which suggests many new ways to complete each discipline:
<https://www.dofe.org/dofewithadifference/activities>

Mrs Fox has contacted your child via Show My Homework with tasks and guidance; please encourage them to work on each discipline over the half term break.

Once students have completed the physical, volunteering and skill sections, they can be awarded a Certificate of Achievement, without the traditional expedition trip. If students continue to their Silver Award in their next phase of education, they will automatically achieve the full Bronze Award.

Kind Regards,

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