

April 28th 2020

Dear Year 10 DofE Pupils and parents,

I hope this finds you all well in these rather surreal times of working from home. I am writing to update you on the DofE programme for this summer term. As you are all aware taking part in your section may be difficult at this time as you are at home. I did share a link on the VLE for some tips for changing your activities to ones you can do at home. It is worth swapping your activity so that you can continue with your sections for skills, physical recreation and volunteering from home if possible. The link is here if you didn't get it <https://www.dofe.org/dofewithadifference>.

Usually at this time we would be busy preparing for expedition, completing training and looking forward to being assessed whilst travelling, navigating and camping in June. Due to the current wider circumstances surrounding Covid 19 it is with sadness that I am writing to cancel this summer's expeditions for the Bronze Award. It is not viable to plan for these at the present time as I am sure you will all understand. Planned routes and route cards that are already complete should be kept safe for now. Once there is clear guidance on how and when expeditions can run safely, the school, in liaison with the DofE, will let you know the plans for moving forward.

I would encourage all pupils to complete sections from home where possible at this time as mentioned so that as much of the Award is complete as can be. Sections and approval should still be done through the eDofE.

Please do email me if you have further questions vb@balcarras.gloucs.sch.uk

Kind Regards



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