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## Year 10 Bronze DofE Award

Dear Parents

I am writing to update you on the DofE Bronze Award. It has been a real delight to be able to offer the Bronze DofE to year 10 pupils that wanted to get involved in the scheme despite being in the midst of a pandemic and remote learning. Many pupils continue to upload evidence of activities from home and I have been really impressed and inspired by those that commit to the award and have found new ways to meet the requirements even though we have been in a lockdown.

I would now like to invite all students that enrolled on the scheme to complete their 3 sections – physical, skill and volunteering and receive the **Bronze Award Certificate of Achievement**. This is a recognition certificate for all students that complete all parts of the award except the expedition. I hope that all students that enrolled on the scheme will gain this before the end of the summer term. I will hold some meetings in school in April and May to support students with this. The Certificate of Achievement is instead of the usual bronze award due to the inability to carry out expeditions at this time due to Covid restrictions and social distancing. If you would like more details on this, please see the DofE website for more details.

<https://www.dofe.org/dofewithadifference/achievement-for-all/>

For further ideas and inspiration of activities to get involved in from home, there are plenty of ideas on the website <https://www.dofe.org/dofewithadifference/activities>. Please do encourage your son/daughter to engage in the programme and adapt their planned activity to something that can take place in the current restrictions. Pupils must still have an independent assessor that **cannot** be a parent so they should use school staff and their tutor where they can.

I am sure many students will be disappointed, as I am, that the expeditions will not be able to run this summer. Nonetheless I am sure they can appreciate the reasons for this and embrace the challenge of receiving the Certificate of Achievement instead. This will still be recognised by future employers and institutes for CV purposes and will not prevent them from pursuing higher levels of the award at later dates. I hope that we can hold a celebration event in the future for all those that gain this Award and recognise their hard work and effort.

Please do email me if you have further queries [vb@balcarras.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:vb@balcarras.gloucs.sch.uk)

Kind Regards



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