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Duke of Edinburgh Award update

I am pleased to be able to share some updates which will hopefully clarify what will happen for this year's cohorts and also get participants started again with their Award.

Firstly, a new accolade is being launched called the "2020 Duke of Edinburgh Certificate of Achievement" which will formally recognise the dedication, resilience and accomplishments of Bronze (current Year 10), Silver (current Year 11) and Gold (current Year 12) participants who have completed their Physical, Skills and Volunteering sections, but have been unable to complete the expedition due to the pandemic. The expedition is a hugely valuable experience, and we hope that participants will still have the opportunity to undertake the expedition and achieve the full Duke of Edinburgh Award when it is safe to do so. For participants who are unable to undertake the expedition, but wish to progress from Bronze to Silver, two temporary rule changes will be introduced:

1. At Bronze level, participants who achieve the 2020 Duke of Edinburgh Certificate of Achievement (mentioned above), and progress to Silver, will be treated as if they have completed the previous Award level.
2. Participants who do this will be able to use their Silver practice expedition as their qualifying expedition for Bronze, enabling them to achieve both their Bronze and Silver Awards.

Please note, the above does not apply for those wishing to progress from Silver to Gold.

For those participants who were unable to complete their Physical, Skills and/or Volunteering sections due to lock down, they are now able to change their activity to one that can be done at home. These activities can be changed more than once using the phone app or on the desktop site. Time spent on their previous activities will still count so participants should upload evidence from each activity. There are some ideas of activities that can be carried out at home at the following links:

DofE With A Difference ideas list:

<https://www.dofe.org/dofewithadifference/activities>

and Opportunity Finder <https://www.dofe.org/opportunity-finder/opportunity-for-dofe-participant>.

Year 9 students who have signed up this year may wish to get started using the ideas above.

Further details are available at: <https://www.dofe.org/dofewithadifference/achievement-for-all/>

Kind regards.

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