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Dear Parents/Carers

## **BRONZE AWARD UPDATE**

It's been a difficult time for all bronze participants over the lockdown period, many of whom have continued to do their best to complete as much of the award as possible. In order that all participants have the best opportunity of achieving the recognition they deserve, there are a few updates that we hope will be useful.

### **Recognition of achievement**

First and foremost, can I offer my congratulations to those participants who have almost completed all three sections on eDofE (Skill, Physical and Volunteering). It is great to see so many persevering through lockdown to complete as much as possible.

When participants complete their Volunteering, Physical and Skills sections and have them signed off by their Leader they are eligible for a 'Certificate of Achievement'. Whilst this is not a full Bronze Duke of Edinburgh award, the award will still be recorded as complete on their eDofE account.

We will begin issuing certificates to participants in their tutor groups from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October. However, it is important to stress that there is no time frame within which participants need to complete their sections. The organisation has highlighted that any participant who has enrolled on the award before 31<sup>st</sup> July 2021 is eligible for a certificate of achievement. Having said this, if students wish to attempt the silver award, they should try to complete their Bronze as soon as possible.

### **Completing Sections**

Participants will need to continue to upload completed assessors reports in order for us to sign them off and for the award to be marked as complete. To support this, there is a guide to the assessor reports on the St Bede's website which can be found by clicking on the 'College Life' tab and following the Duke of Edinburgh option.

### **Silver Award**

The difficulties that participants have faced during their bronze award will not have an impact on their eligibility to participate in the Silver Duke of Edinburgh award, and we would encourage the students to consider enrolling on the silver so they can experience the fun and fulfilment of the expedition section of the award.



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We are waiting to hear from the Duke of Edinburgh Awarding Body as to whether the time that may be needed for participants to complete their bronze, will reduce the time needed to complete the Silver award. We will of course update you further when we have had this clarification.

## **Refunds**

We have had a few emails from parents enquiring about refunds for the bronze award as the participants cannot fully complete the award. The £90 fee for the award is divided between paying for the participant's registration, and updating the equipment we would use for training and expeditions. As such we are not in a position to provide refunds, and to accommodate this we will be reducing the cost of the silver award as we will not need to replace/update as much equipment in this cycle.

Once again, congratulations to those participants who have been completing their volunteering, skills and physical sections where possible, and I would encourage all participants to complete their outstanding sections as soon as possible to gain their certificate of achievement and enrol for the silver award.

As always, thank you for your continued support with the DofE programme. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the college by phone or my direct email: [s.gibbs@stbcc.org](mailto:s.gibbs@stbcc.org).

Kind regards,

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