

1 October 2020 (update of letter from July 2020)

Dear Parent, Carers and Participants,

Following the Government and the Duke of Edinburgh's Award's covid 19 guidelines we are now able to release the new after school training dates, expedition dates and guidance on Award completion.

Bronze Award participants - Year 10 as of September 2020.

These participants will not have to complete a practice expedition, they will plan for and go straight to the Bronze assessed expedition.

Compulsory after school route planning sessions: Tuesdays: 9th and 23rd February, 2nd and 9th March 2021.

Assessed expedition dates: Saturday 15th to Sunday 16th May 2021 **or** Saturday 22nd to Sunday 23rd May 2021. Participants will be allocated one of these weekends. All participants will be expected to camp overnight, assuming the current restrictions are lifted.

Please let us know as soon as possible if a participant has a prior arrangement for one of these weekends: they will then be allocated a place on the alternative date if participant numbers allow. Once we have assigned the participants to a weekend it is very unlikely that it can be changed.

Any participant in this group who wishes to enrol onto the Silver Award, which we will be looking to launch in December 2020, will be allocated a place on the Silver practice and assessed expeditions. The Silver practice expedition will double up as their Bronze assessed expedition. Sounds daunting? It won't be, all the usual DofE staff will be on hand for support! The dates for this group are detailed below.

For a participant to be eligible to enrol on the Silver Award their skill, physical and volunteering sections of their Bronze Award must be finalised. We understand this might seem an almost impossible task under the current restrictions, but we recommend that you to read the file 'DofE during Lockdown' on Microsoft Teams, which gives information on how to change activities, and obtain the necessary assessor's reports. All participants should have access to 'DofE Bronze 19' or 'DofE Silver 20'.

Silver Award participants: This group will be a combination of:

Silver Year 11 as of September 2020 and Bronze Year 10 who enrol on the Silver Award in December 2020

Compulsory after school route planning sessions: Tuesdays: 12th, 19th, 26th January, 2nd February 2021.

Practice expedition dates: Saturday 13th, Sunday 14th and Monday 15th March 2021.

Compulsory after school route planning sessions: Tuesdays: 16th, 23rd and 30th March, 20th April 2021

Assessed expedition dates: Saturday 3rd, Sunday 4th and Monday 5th July 2021

Hopefully we have avoided all GCSE exams for this group of participants by scheduled their practice expedition as soon as possible, and their assessed expedition as late as possible. We hope they will embrace their assessed expedition as their final adventure with Uffculme School!

Bronze and Silver Award Completion.

The DofE charity has compensated for participants who may not have access to an expedition this season. They have introduced a 'Certificate of Achievement'. This certificate is available to all participants who have started the Award before 31st July 2021. We cannot stress enough the importance of submitting an assessor's report that meets the whole criteria, especially the dates! As mentioned, please refer to the file on Teams.

DofE will automatically email this certificate to the participant. They will use the name and email address registered on their eDofE account, so now is the time to check this information is correct. The Certificate of Achievement is 'an optional extra'. Participants can still take part in their activities in the New Year and achieve their full Award and badge. It is a little-known fact that all participant's accounts are open until they reach the age of 25.

As always, if you have any questions, please email us at dofe@uffculmeschool.net Further information can be found on the DofE website.

A copy of this letter will be uploaded to Microsoft Teams, and to the letters page on the school website.

Yours sincerely



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