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Dear Parent/Carer

June 2020

As you may already know, our school offers the Bronze DofE Award to our Year 9s. This year, we're excited to say we're able to enrol interested Year 8s onto Bronze this Summer, meaning they can get a head start with their activities before they come back to school in the Autumn as Year 9s.

Our school and the DofE agree that, more than ever, our young people need to feel engaged and proactive during these difficult times of lockdown and social distancing. The DofE is a fun way to explore their interests and develop new skills, remain physically and mentally active, and feel plugged into something constructive and positive. This summer, DofE Bronze participants will be able to choose programme activities they can start at home.

The Bronze Award is split into four sections; Volunteering, Physical, Skills, and Expedition. It's non-competitive and students can choose their own Volunteering, Physical and Skills activities which they commit to for between 3 and 6 months. By enrolling and starting this summer, students could be well on their way to completing these first three sections before Christmas! For the Expedition, we anticipate that we'll support our students through this fourth section next spring and summer but the school will wait for social distancing updates before we make plans for this fourth section.

Check out this [Bronze Parent-Carer video](#) and www.dofe.org for more information about the DofE Bronze Award and what's involved.

The cost to enrol onto the Bronze programme at Bexhill Academy this summer is £22. This is available to pay via the School Gateway. An enrolment form is also included with this letter. Please could this form be returned via email, or to the school for my attention. The deadline is 1 August 2020 for both.

The cost of the Expedition section will be between £40 and £60 and the final cost will depend on several factors as we come out of the Covid-19 situation. We will be in touch early in Year 9 to let you know the final price.

Participating in the DofE can really help young people stand out from the crowd, enhance mental health and build resilience. That's why at Bexhill Academy we're committed to ensuring that all interested Year 8s can access this fantastic programme this summer regardless of their ability, background or financial circumstances. Please contact me if you would like to discuss your son/daughter's access to the programme.

We're looking forward to working with our students on their Bronze DofE this year and we hope that you will do all you can to support your son/daughter to participate.

Kind regards

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