

Duke of Edinburgh support information. January 2021.

Dear Parent, carers and D of E students,

In an attempt to maximise the number of Year 10 and Year 11 students who are able to complete their D of E Award a number of measures have been put in place to help and support them.

Firstly, if they are unable to access their Assessor for any reason, for any of the 3 sections, it has been agreed that an email from the Assessor confirming that the participant has completed the section, will count as the report. All the student will have to do then is take a picture of the email and upload it onto edofe for approval.

Secondly, all participants have until July to complete their three sections and gain their, Certificate of Achievement award. Those who are able to do so may then go on to participate in an amended expedition over a two day period using Calder High school as the base. The D of E Trust is calling this an, 'Expedition in restricted areas' and are allowing it to count towards completing the award. This is likely to take place between May and July, depending on the current Covid 19 situation, but only students who have completed all three sections will be invited to participate.

As additional support for participants in Year 10, on Tuesday 2nd March at 6pm, parents will be invited to attend a virtual Parents Evening hosted by Paul Bateman, the D of E officer for the North of England. The purpose of this meeting is to make parents and students aware of D of E plans, and support packages in place, at this difficult time. Login details will be on the school website.

Finally, I just wanted to thank you all for your support with D of E in these challenging times. There is no doubt that the Bronze Award is

highly thought of and worth having and may help your child with future plans and career choices. If you could continue to encourage your child to complete the award by putting the necessary evidence onto edofe, as well as being involved in the parent evening, I would really appreciate it.

Yours sincerely.

Gary Webb.

D of E Leader Calder High School.