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Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh Award

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, we were unable to launch Duke of Edinburgh to Year 10 students this year. Typically, DofE is offered at the end of Year 9 for completion in Year 10.

When COVID-19 restrictions on our DofE activities are lifted and the programme is permitted to resume, the following options are available to Year 10 students:

Option 1: Postpone the award until Post 16 education begins. Start with the Silver DofE award and spend the additional time required on the programme.

Option 2: Begin Skills, Volunteering and Physical sections of DofE now at Eggar's and postpone the expedition element of the award until Post 16. Colleges below offer Duke of Edinburgh Silver or Gold awards:

- **Gold Award** - Woking College
- **Silver and Gold Award** - Alton College, Godalming College, Queen Mary's College, Havant and South Downs College and The Sixth Form College Farnborough
- **New to DofE this year; enrolling Gold Award from September** - Guildford College, Farnham College and Merrist Wood College

Option 3: Begin the '**Certificate of Achievement**' at Eggar's. Complete Volunteering, Physical and Skills sections. Register with an eDofE account. '**Certificates of Achievement**' at Bronze, Silver or Gold level, all are a formal recognition of participants dedication to the programmes.

Participants who enrolled on or after 01 June 2018, and have completed their Volunteering, Physical and Skills sections (but not the qualifying expedition due to Covid-19) and had them signed off by their Leader before 31 December 2022, will receive a DofE '**Certificate of Achievement**'.

This means that you can progress to the next level of DofE, and your timescales will be reduced.
<https://www.dofe.org/dofewithadifference/achievement-for-all>

Option 4: Begin now at Eggar's. Complete the expedition independently of Eggar's School. Join an Open Expedition with young people from all areas. Groups of friends can join the Open Expedition and form a team. A list of options can found at <https://www.dofe.org/opportunity-finder/opportunity-for-dofe-participant/?page=1>

Expeditions can be undertaken through National Operating Authorities, such as the Girl Guides, Scouts or Cadets. The eDofE account can be transferred to do this.

Option 5: 'DofE With A Difference'

Participants can complete a '**Certificate of Achievement**', and then move to the next award level. The participant's next award level practice expedition counts as the qualifying expedition for the previous level – giving a 2 for 1 experience! This works for Bronze to Silver and Silver to Gold! More information can be found here <https://www.dofe.org/dofewithadifference/expedition-flexibilities>.

If your son/daughter would like to begin the DofE award whilst here at Eggar's, please complete the reply slip below and return it to Miss Balch.



Your son/daughter will be invited to an introductory event on MS Teams shortly after Easter. The cost for the welcome pack and participating fee (without the expedition section) is £22.00.

At Eggar's we can support your son/daughter to commence the programme and then transfer to another provider if they wish to complete the expedition for Bronze or Silver award.

Finally, a note for your diary, **Year 10 DfE Webinar on Tuesday 27 April from 17:00 – 18:00**; we will contact you with joining details on return to school after the Easter holiday.

If you have any queries, please email enquiries@eggars.hants.sch.uk.

Your sincerely

Miss P Balch
DfE Coordinator

Please return for the attention of Miss Balch, DfE Coordinator

Child's name Tutor group

My son/daughter is interested in enrolling on to the DofE programme at Eggar's to commence Skills, Volunteering and Physical sections as set out in your letter dated 31 March 2021.

Signature Date
Parent/Guardian