



Dear Year 10 parent/carer,

Covid-19 has impacted many aspects of school life including the D of E award scheme. The current circumstances have meant many students who signed up for the award last year were unfortunately unable to complete their expedition at the end of the last academic year. As a result, their expedition has been postponed to the same time next year. In the meantime, they are encouraged to continue gathering evidence towards the completion of their award.

Fortunately, the current situation has opened up an opportunity for students who wished they had signed up in year 9 to sign up the bronze award this year! This highly regarded reward programme is designed to help young people gain essential skills, confidence and resilience to successfully navigate adult life. The programme consists of 4 main sections outlined in the infographic below:



A link to a video about the bronze award can be found [here](#) and link to a more detailed video can be viewed [here](#).

Links to documents outlining the approved volunteering, physical and skills sections can be accessed on the below:

- [Volunteering ideas](#)
- [Physical ideas](#)
- [Skills ideas](#)

The award has a £50 registration fee (non-refundable) and £150 expedition fee. Students have until the age of 24 to complete the award however, we encourage all students to complete the award within one academic year to ensure they can commence the Silver award in year 11.



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**MOST IMPORTANTLY:** At Cheney School, we are committed to ensuring all students, regardless of social or economic background can access all the opportunities the school can provide. If you are unable to, or cannot justify paying this amount for the award, Cheney has funding and discount options available.

**To register your child's interest in the award, please fill out the following [form](#) over half term and we will contact you in the first week after half term. This form is to express interest. It is not a commitment to make a payment.**

Yours sincerely,

Edward Lea (Geography Teacher & D of E Coordinator Cheney School)