Dear Parents/Carers

Following a successful first year as a DofE licensed centre, we will be running the Bronze Award for pupil’s in Year 9 from September. The award will run from September 2020 – July 2021. The award provides a fantastic extra-curricular experience for students; offering new experiences, developing confidence and independence, as well as being highly regarded by colleges, universities, and employers.

There are four elements to the award: Volunteering, Skill, Physical and Expedition. The expedition and training for this will be organised and run by the school. This will take place in the summer term of 2021, although this may be subject to change due to government guidance. The other three elements will be organised by the pupils themselves with support from the school and can still take place with the current restrictions in place.

The cost of the Award will be £180 which will be payable in 3 payments outlined in the schedule below. This includes an electronic registering and monitoring ‘eDofE’ entry pack at £22 and the cost of the license fee, practice, and qualifying expeditions. Please note these payments are non-refundable.

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| 1st payment -£60 | Due Friday 11th September 2020 |
| 2nd payment - £60 | Due Friday 27th November 2020 |
| 3rd payment - £60 | Due Friday 5th March 2020 |

We would like to encourage all students to participate and therefore pupils in receipt of the Pupil Premium grant may be entitled to financial support to complete the award. Please email Andrew Fell (afell@obhs.co.uk) to apply for this.

If you would like to find out more information, we have recorded a launch assembly which can be found via this link using students’ office 365 accounts: <https://web.microsoftstream.com/video/01541466-f1bc-4a7f-8636-4403e40fc436>

If you would like your child to sign up for the award, please complete the forms attached and hand it in to student reception along with the £60 initial payment by Friday 11th September 2020.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely

Miss L Washington
D of E Manager