Dear Parents/Carers

Following a successful first year as a DofE licensed centre, we will be running the Silver Award for pupil’s in Year 10 from September. Although the students completion of bronze has been delayed due to coronavirus, they are still able to start the silver award in September as long as they have completed at least 2 of their sections for bronze and have shown evidence towards completing the third. If you did not take part in the bronze award you are still able to complete the silver award with a few changes.

As with bronze there are four elements to the award: Volunteering, Skill, Physical and Expedition. The training and expedition 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 current restrictions.

The cost of the Award will be £200 which will be payable in 4 non-refundable 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, equipment, practice, and qualifying expeditions. Please note that payments are non-refundable.

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| 1st payment -£50 | Due Friday 11th September 2020 |
| 2nd payment - £50 | Due Friday 27th November 2020 |
| 3rd payment - £50 | Due Friday 5th March 2020 |
| 4th payment - £50 | Due Friday 10th April 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 for parents and students which can be found via this link using students’ office 365 accounts: <https://web.microsoftstream.com/video/8ec0b9e5-8f10-4758-b629-f61fcfc510a0>

If you would like your child to sign up for the award, please complete the form attached and hand it in to student reception along with the £50 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