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## S3 Bronze DofE Award Programme 2020/21

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Dear Parent/ Carer,

I am writing to you to update you about the Boroughmuir High School Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award programme for 2020/21.

At this time of year, we would usually be signing up dozens of enthusiastic S3 pupils to take part in our excellent Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) Bronze Award programme. With the events of the last few months still being imposed on us, we are severely restricted in what we can offer pupils in the ways of extracurricular activities and DofE at Boroughmuir has taken a knock like so many other team sports, after school clubs etc.

We would have loved to have started an S3 group this year but unfortunately it is proving to be very difficult due to the restrictions and regulations being placed on us at present. We haven't yet been able to meet with large groups in a school setting and external providers are limited in what they can offer in terms of training and expeditions. On top of that we have the previous cohort who have all registered for the award but have been unable to complete any of their training due to being placed in lockdown back in March. We feel at this time, we must cancel our S3 Bronze Award programme this year and prioritise the pupils who have already signed up last session.

I'm sure you can understand our disappointment at not being able to deliver the DofE experience at Boroughmuir to our current S3 pupils but there may be other local DofE providers who might be able to give your son/ daughter the opportunity to take part in a fantastic programme.

Kind Regards,

Mr. F Boyd and Mr. J Crawford DofE Coordinators Boroughmuir High School

