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Dear Gold DofE Participants,

Happy New Year to you all. I hope that you managed to enjoy the holiday period and are all, once again, keeping safe and well at home in this new lockdown.

I wanted to write to you all regarding your Gold DofE Award and what you can be doing at home to continue working towards your award in the Volunteering, Physical and Skill sections throughout the next few weeks. Firstly, those of you who are still to sign off your Silver Award, please try to complete this as soon as possible by requesting assessor reports, or by emailing me to discuss any problems you have. You can use the template at the end of this letter to copy/paste/edit and send to your assessor by email.

For your Gold sections, if your **Skill** is something that you can continue at home, with activities such as as knitting, playing an instrument or cooking then that would be a good starting point. Alternatively, perhaps now is the time to try your hand at something new or take on some additional online learning, which could also support your upcoming UCAS application. Either way, please do continue to upload some evidence to your eDofE account via the app each week – this will make it easy for us to sign off your award at the end of your 6/12/18 months.

For your **Physical** activity, I am sure that you will be keen to stay active throughout the lockdown period. Whether you choose to do a daily/weekly run, a longer dog walk or even continue to practise your chosen sport or activity in the garden, regular evidence in the form of a couple of sentences or a short video of you doing this will help the assessor to sign off your award.

Finally, although most of you normally complete your **Volunteering** through School-based activities, during the last lockdown, a large number of students helped their local community by making scrub bags for the NHS or even looking out for elderly neighbours – all of this embodies what the DofE award was created for. There are additional opportunities to volunteer within your home or Boarding House. These range from helping younger siblings/pupils with their online learning, preparing the family meal each day/week or even raising awareness of campaigns and preparing sessions to run when we are back in School. There is a lot of flexibility from the DofE to allow you to carry out different activities from your original choice in order to continue working towards your Award. The key with all sections is to upload as much as evidence as possible to your eDofE account weekly.

For further ideas, the DofE have put together a comprehensive list of activities to try from home instead: [Activity Ideas List - The Duke of Edinburgh's Award \(dofe.org\)](https://www.dofe.org/Activity-Ideas-List-The-Duke-of-Edinburghs-Award)

Please use your eDofE account to keep uploading evidence – I very much look forward to seeing what you are all up to until we can meet again back in School.

As always, if you need any help or have any questions, please let me know.

Kind regards,

Miss A Baker

Assessor Report Template

Dear Assessor,

As you may be aware I am in the process of completing my Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award. Please can ask you to complete a short assessors report for me to verify that I have completed the Skill section of my Gold award?

The easiest way to complete a report is online;

- o Go to the website <https://www.edofe.org/assessor/>
- o Enter my 7 digit ID number (1423255) and level (Silver)
- o Check the name which appears is correct
- o Enter details of my assessment, including;
 - o Section assessing (Physical)
 - o Activity (Rugby)
 - o Your comments.
 - Please include the start and end dates of the activity (Sept. 2019 - March 2020)
 - Also the frequency and duration of sessions (on average 1 hour every week)
- o Job title and position
- o Contact e-mail (essential) and a contact phone number (optional)
- o Press submit.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to complete this for me,

Model Student