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Dear Parents/Guardians

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Duke of Edinburgh's Award Participants COVID-19 Advice

Following recent advice from Public Health Services, The Youth Commission, and Education Office, The Ladies' College will be postponing all DofE activities with immediate effect until further notice.

This includes all lunchtime sessions as well as after school training days. We will continue to monitor and follow the advice given and will provide updates regarding expeditions when possible. We may have to postpone some or all of the following we had planned.

- **Bronze Practice Expedition Friday 22nd – Saturday 23rd May**
- **Bronze Qualifying Expedition Saturday 13th – Sunday 14th June 2020.**
- **Silver Practice and Qualifying Expedition Wednesday 8th – 15th July**

The girls can continue to add evidence to their e-dofe sections regarding the activities they are undertaking, however please do ensure that they adhere to the Public Health Services guidelines on social distancing. We are aware that many activities outside of College are also postponed until further notice, so please do not worry the need for these sections to be completed this year as participants have until their 25th Birthday to complete. If your daughter wishes to change an activity that they have already started they must remember to update their e-DofE and collect appropriate evidence. Please remember that they can count activities done at home including music practice. Sports based activities can be changed to personal training at home, and volunteering can include litter picking in the local area or online volunteering. Examples include <http://www.missingmaps.org/> where volunteers help to map the most vulnerable places in the developing world in order that international and local NGOs and individuals can use the maps and data to better respond to any crises affecting the areas, or take part in the #Dofegsy_homeprojects scheme to create activity sheets to be used by members of our community who may be self-isolating.

If you have any questions or queries relating to DofE please do not hesitate to contact via e-mail at: rwooldridge@ladiescollege.ac.gg

Yours sincerely



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