



# Plymouth High School for Girls

*"For life, not school, we learn"*

4<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

## **YEAR 9 BRONZE DofE AWARD TRAINING, PRACTICE AND QUALIFYING EXPEDITION.**

Thank you to those parents/carers who have paid the £99 fee due for the Bronze training, practice and qualifying expeditions. The deadline for this payment was Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May (extended from the original date of 17<sup>th</sup> April).

If you have not yet made this payment, may I politely remind you that it is now overdue. As such, please go to ParentPay (Year 9 Bronze DofE Expedition 2020 £99) to make this payment as soon as possible. **The school is very much aware that some households may be facing financial pressures related to the on-going Corvid-19 pandemic and as such is more than happy to discuss how the school can support such households in making their payments e.g. payment plans, extended deadlines etc.** If you feel that this applies to your household, please do not hesitate to contact myself at [gpayne@phsg.org](mailto:gpayne@phsg.org) so that we can discuss how the school can support you in making this payment.

At present, the school is continuing to make arrangements for the planned expeditions due to take place in September and October 2020 subject to Public Health and Government guidance. However, if this is not possible due to on-going Corvid-19 issues, it also has contingency plans for expeditions to take place in May, June and July 2021. Whatever happens, Bronze expeditions will be taking place either later this year as planned or later next year as a backup.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to say a massive well-done to the 98 Year 9 students who have taken up the challenge of Bronze DofE this year. They have shown great determination and resilience in adapting and changing their planned activity sections due to Corvid-19 restrictions – a fact that was recently recognized by the South West Director of DofE who commented on just how committed and involved students at Plymouth High have been since the lockdown.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at [gpayne@phsg.org](mailto:gpayne@phsg.org) if you have any questions or queries related to the above expedition fee, the expeditions in general or anything else related to DofE.

Best Wishes,

**Gary Payne**  
**DofE Manager/PHSG**