**A Guide for Bronze & Silver**

**Celebrations**

The Award is all about celebrating the incredible dedication, achievements, growth of participants, and the adults who supported them. Reaching the Bronze and Silver levels is no small feat—it's a monumental milestone in a young person's life, and it deserves to be celebrated in a way that truly reflects their hard work and perseverance.

**Flexible and Accessible Celebrations**

Your celebration should reflect the importance of participants’ accomplishments. While the style and format are up to you, we encourage you to put effort into creating a meaningful and impactful event that highlights their hard work and success. Whether you choose to host a lively event during a school assembly, a special stand-alone ceremony, or something unique to your group, the focus is on recognizing participants’ accomplishments and honoring those who guided them on their journey. Typically, this involves presenting the certificate and pin to the participant in a meaningful way.

**Key Considerations**

* **Make It Participant-Led**: Allow participants to share their journey, reflections, or what they’ve learned. A short speech or presentation by a participant can add a personal touch.
* **Involve the Community**: Hosting your celebration as part of a school assembly, parent teacher night, graduation or another public event can inspire others to take part in the Award. This ensures recognition goes beyond just those involved in the program.
* **Recognize Mentors**: Acknowledge the contributions of Award Leaders, Assessors, teachers, and volunteers who helped participants achieve success.

**Best Practices for Planning**

* **Create a Meaningful Experience:** Focus on making the celebration a special and memorable moment for participants. This is an important milestone in their journey and deserves thoughtful recognition.
* **Include a Personal Element**: Consider showcasing photos, videos, quotes, or stories from participants to make the event memorable.
* **Adapt It to Your Community**: Whether it’s a formal ceremony, a casual gathering, or part of a school event, we trust you to design what works best for your Award Centre.

**Customizable Speech Template**

**Here’s a suggested speech for presenting certificates and pins.** Before presenting, be sure to connect with your Account Manager to gather impactful stats about your Award Centre. Sharing numbers like the total volunteer hours, fitness activities, and skills development completed by participants can help highlight the incredible contributions made to your community. **Feel free to adapt the speech to suit your style:**

**[Opening]**
“Good [morning/afternoon/evening] everyone. We are gathered here to celebrate the remarkable achievements of our [Bronze/Silver] Award participants. The Duke of Edinburgh’s International Award is not just about completing activities—it’s about personal growth, perseverance, and stepping out of comfort zones.”

**[Highlight Participants]**
“Today, we recognize [number] participants who have demonstrated commitment, resilience, and creativity throughout their Award journey. Whether through community service, developing new skills, engaging in physical activities, or embarking on a thrilling journey, they have embodied the spirit of the Award.”

**[Share the Impact]**
“To make this moment even more meaningful, I connected with our Account Manager to gather some impactful statistics about the contributions these participants have made. I’m proud to share that they have collectively completed [insert volunteer hours] hours of community service, dedicated [insert fitness hours] to physical activities, and spent countless hours developing life-changing skills.

These stats were accessed through Award reports, which provide valuable insights into the impact of the Award on our [school/organization] community. They remind us that the Award not only changes lives but also creates lasting benefits for the communities it touches.”

**[Acknowledge Support]**
“This accomplishment would not have been possible without the support of our incredible Award Leaders, teachers, and mentors. Thank you for inspiring and guiding our participants every step of the way.”

**[Present Awards]**
“Now, it is my privilege to present the [Bronze/Silver] Award certificates and pins to these outstanding individuals. [Read participant names.] Congratulations on this incredible milestone!”

**[Closing]**
“We hope this achievement is just the beginning of many more adventures and opportunities in your lives. To those considering starting their Award journey, let this be your inspiration. Thank you all for being here to celebrate with us today.”

**All in all, make the celebration yours, and make it memorable! For questions or further support, please reach out to your Account Manager.**

To make a lasting impression, consider creating a space to continually celebrate your Award Holders’ achievements. Whether it’s a bulletin board, photo wall, or digital showcase, these displays serve as a powerful reminder of their dedication and inspire others to embark on their own Award journey. Let the pride of today’s celebration carry forward into your community!