**Year 9 students - Key dates**

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| **In School Activities (Dec– April)** | **Activity** |
| 12th December 5.00 – 6.00pmMain Hall | Meeting for Parents. Explanation of the scheme and opportunity to ask questions |
|  Lunchtimes – 1 hour after school29th January 2025 | Sessions to enrol onto ‘eDofE’ and to advise on volunteering, skill and physical sections |
| Expedition Training– **essential**13th February 3.20 - 4.30 | Arrange walking groups, kit list and food |

Most activity, including enrolment will not occur until after Christmas but we want to sort out the recruitment now so that we can plan properly. The aim is to have most sections completed by August 2025 and the expeditions done in September 2025.

There will be two days training (non-residential) and a two-day Qualifying Expedition where they camp overnight. This will be supervised remotely using checkpoints, although staff do stay on the same (very basic) campsite. Please be aware that under DofE rules, participants are only allowed to use a mobile phone in case of emergencies so will be out of contact with you during the expedition.

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| **Sept 13 & 15** **OR****Sept 14 & 16** | **Provisional Training & Practice 2 Days** (non residential)Meet at 8.30 at the minibus each day. Return approximately 3-4pm. This will take place near Harewood. |
| **26th/27th Sept****OR****28th/29th Sept** | **Provisional Qualifying Expedition**: 2 days, 1 night. Meet at 8.30 at the minibus on day 1. Return approximately 3-4pm on day 2.This will take place in Nidderdale  |