

Millthorpe Year 10 students - Key DofE dates 2025

NB Most meetings are participants only – not parents

In School Activities (Dec– April)	Activity
<i>12th December 2024 5.00 – 6.00pm Main Hall – already happened.</i>	<i>Meeting for Parents. Explanation of the scheme and opportunity to ask questions</i>
DofE Explained: 1 hour after school 15th January 2025	Sessions to enrol onto ‘eDofE’ and to advise on volunteering, skill and physical sections
Expedition Training Prep– essential 10 th February 3.20 - 4.30pm	Arrange walking groups and Training & Expedition dates.

The aim is to have most sections completed before the expeditions in September 2025. If that is done then the Award can be completed shortly after the Expeditions.

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.

June 21 or 22 <i>Keep all free if possible until after 10th Feb</i>	Classroom training day at school 9am-3pm. Plan expedition kit and food / Route planning / First Aid and Emergency Procedures/ Safe use of stoves/ Tents.
June 20 or 23 <i>Keep all free if possible until after 10th Feb</i>	Training walk 8.30am - between 3 & 4 pm. We will take the participants by minibus to Tadcaster to do a 14km walk to learn navigation.
Sept 5/6 or 7/8 <i>Keep all free if possible until after 10th Feb</i>	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

Participants largely choose their own walking groups for the Expeditions of between 4 and 7 people (as long as no-one is missed out).

The more flexible about which dates they can do the more likely they will be able to be in a group with their friends.