

## Millthorpe Year 9 students - Key DofE dates 2025

NB Most meetings are participants only – not parents

In School Activities (Dec– April)	Activity
<i>12<sup>th</sup> 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 29 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Sessions to enrol onto ‘eDofE’ and to advise on volunteering, skill and physical sections
Expedition Training Prep– <b>essential</b> 13 <sup>th</sup> 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.

<b>Sept 13 or 14 or 20</b> <i>Keep all free if possible until after 13<sup>th</sup> Feb</i>	<b>Classroom training day at school 9am-3pm.</b> Plan expedition kit and food / Route planning / First Aid and Emergency Procedures/ Safe use of stoves/ Tents.
<b>Sept 15 or 16 or 19</b> <i>Keep all free if possible until after 13<sup>th</sup> Feb</i>	<b>Training walk 8.30- between 3 &amp; 4 pm.</b> We will take the participants by minibus to Tadcaster to do a 14km walk to learn navigation.
<b>Sept 21/22 or 26/27 or 28/29</b> <i>Keep all free if possible until after 13<sup>th</sup> Feb</i>	<b>Provisional Qualifying Expedition: 2 days, 1 night.</b> 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.**