



Scalby School

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June 2025

Duke of Edinburgh Qualifying Expedition 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

I just wanted to update you on **the qualifying expedition for the Duke of Edinburgh Award**.

Students will only be allowed to participate in the qualifying expedition if two of their three sections (volunteering, skills, physical) have been completed and an assessor report submitted for both sections by Wednesday 2nd July 2025. Students were reminded of this deadline on practice expedition.

DofE Silver qualifying (Year 10) will take place on Monday 7th July until Wednesday 9th July 2025. Students will depart from school on the Monday morning and will require collecting from Ebberston Park, Back Lane, Ebberston, Scarborough YO13 9NJ at approximately 2pm.

DofE Bronze qualifying (Year 9) will take place on Monday 7th July until Tuesday 8th July 2025. Students will depart from school on the Monday morning and will require collecting from Dalby Forest Campsite, Low Dalby, Pickering YO18 7LU at approximately 3pm.

Students will be assessed by a DofE assessor against the conditions of the expedition, which can be found here <https://www.dofe.org/expedition-requirements/>

Students will be walking independently of staff and will be remotely supervised by the staff team. They have had lots of training to prepare them for the rigours of a qualifying expedition. Students will be walking in the countryside to the west of Scarborough and camping at Dalby Forest Campsite, Low Dalby. Cooking equipment will be distributed to students before departure which will be their responsibility during the expedition and will need to be returned to school following the expedition clean (I will supervise the fuel for cooking in the evening).

Students are also responsible for planning and providing their own food. Training this month is mandatory as students will be planning their walking routes with their group to submit to me for approval. This is all undertaken via the OS mapping system which is free to DofE participants through the dofe website. It is the student's responsibility to upload their routes to their dofe account.

Students will not be permitted to use their mobile phones during expeditions unless in the case of an emergency. If you wish to contact your child, please ring school reception who will contact me. Please note the mobile phone reception is very poor in expedition country.

As always, if you have any questions, do get in touch.

Yours faithfully,

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