



Dear Parent/Carer

Hello again everyone, welcome to the latest edition of the UCC newsletter. What a half term it has been, everyone should be incredibly proud of the amount of engagement, enthusiasm and creativity they have been a part of in recent weeks. Students, parents and staff have once again pulled together to show what an amazing place Ullswater is!

I know we will all remain positive, try our best and do everything we can to support one another over the coming days, weeks and months as we all work hard to get back into school as safely as possible.

I will be the first to admit, it really has been a hard half term. For our year 11 and 13 students, the uncertainty about what may happen with their summer exams and the implications for their future has been a heavy burden. I want to thank you all for seeing beyond the immediate concerns and focusing on the future, planning your next steps and continuing to work hard to secure the grades you deserve – well done!

A special mention to all the parents and staff who have been juggling home working, taking care of the family and doing everything you can to support the young people in our charge. I am once again incredibly grateful.

So what next? Well, we await news from the government about the reopening of schools and I know that many of you, like us in the school, are sympathetic to the need for the lockdown but also looking forwards to the school reopening and life returning to some sort of normality.

We will do our best to keep you informed every step of the way and we are already well in to planning our return. It may well be phased and take a while to get back up to full operating capacity - with your support I know we will get there.

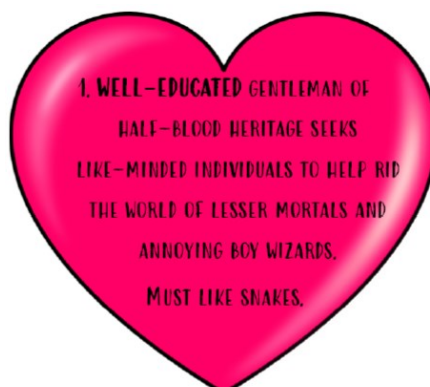
You might have seen the recent news about us working with Myerscough College to try and maintain the land-based provision in Cumbria. It is a privilege to be a part of this and to be able to work on a solution to maintaining our heritage and that of the county.

It just goes to show that even in times of great adversity there is always the beacon of hope to carry us forwards.

Take a moment to read this newsletter, enjoy it and see if you can work out our literary valentines...

As always - stay safe, stay in touch and you have only to ask and we will be there for you.

Mr Gilby
Headteacher



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APPLY TO THE 6TH FORM!

Year 11s – don't forget to send in your application to join the UCC 6th form in September. See the [school website](http://www.ullswatercc.co.uk) for details!

VALENTINE LITERARY LONELY HEARTS QUIZ

Look out for the valentine hearts throughout this bulletin – who's advertising?

Answers on page 5

THANK YOU FOR FOOD BANK DONATIONS

We have received a letter from the Salvation Army thanking all those who donated items to this Christmas's food bank appeal.



Dear Mrs McCormick,

I would like to wish you a very happy New Year and I hope that you had a peaceful Christmas and are managing well despite the latest restrictions.

While the Christmas period was different than usual for us, we were still able to be there for people who needed us most and we couldn't have done it without kind supporters like you. We worked tirelessly to provide food boxes to struggling families, meals on wheels lunches to older people, and hot food and shelter to people experiencing homelessness.

As an expression of our gratitude, I'm really pleased to share the below video of thanks from our service users, the people helped with generous donations, and I hope that their messages filled with love and thanks warms your heart as they did mine.

Although this year might be different to what we had hoped, please know that The Salvation Army will be there for people however we can and whatever their circumstances may be. Together with your help, we can continue our hard work throughout this new year and reach as many people as we possibly can.



With warm regards,

Lieut-Colonel Dean Pallant

On behalf of The Salvation Army

IT'S THE BOOK TO READ!

School Librarian Amy McKay is reading – virtually – 'Street Dog', by Gill Lewis, author of 'Sky Hawk'; 'Street Dog' is Gill's latest book. The advanced reader copy (ARC), is yet to be published and a Year 8 English group has been given the honour of a sneak preview.

Gill likes to receive feedback from chosen readers before her books are ready for publication. The students' view of the book matters; they will let Gill what they liked (and perhaps didn't like) in the book and their review will appear on Gill's blog.

If you're a dog lover, keep the tissues handy because this book is definitely an eye opener into the K9 world! Adventure and relationships are just two of the themes that permeate the book. 'Street Dog' will be published in April of this year. Happy reading!

Mrs Pickup



2. **SMALL INDIAN BOY**, MORE USED TO THE COMPANY OF ANIMALS, WELTM YOUNG INDIAN GIRL TO INTRODUCE ME TO LIFE BEYOND THE JUNGLE. PLEASE EXCUSE MY MANNERS AS I HAVE LITERALLY BEEN RAISED BY WOLVES.

3. **WEALTHY BACHELOR** AND REFORMED CHARACTER IN SEARCH OF FRIENDS WITH WHOM TO SHARE THE FESTIVE SEASON. HELP ME PUT MY OLD WAYS BEHIND ME AND CELEBRATE A Dickens OF A CHRISTMAS!

4. **GIRL, 16**, EXPERT AT SURVIVAL, SEEKS OTHERS WITH SIMILAR SKILLS TO LIGHT HER FIRE AND PLOT THE OVERTHROW OF A CORRUPT REGIME. BREAD-MAKING EXPERIENCE AN ADVANTAGE.

LOCKDOWN LAUGHTER WITH ROBBIE DEE!

Robbie Dee joined the BTEC Performing Arts Group for a Google Meet. He told the students about his varied career not only as a CFM presenter but also in pantomime. He has performed in the Sands Centre pantomimes for the last 18 years and always takes the lead comedy role – for the past 10 years this has been the role of the Dame.

Robbie's responsibility as a performer is to work closely with the producers and directors of the show and to attend rehearsals. He learns the script well in advance of the start of the rehearsal schedule.



The students asked Robbie what inspired him to become a DJ? He said: "I loved music and as you can tell, I love talking!"

Thank you Robbie, we enjoyed talking to you too!

Mrs Pickup

WELCOME BACK!

The next half term starts on Monday 22 February 2021.

CONTACT US

We are always pleased to hear from parents. Please get in touch with us if you have any concerns:

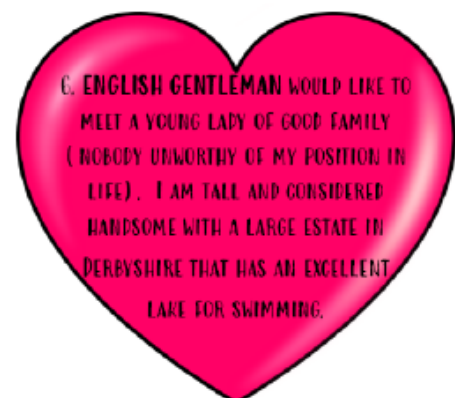
E-mail: admin@ullswatercc.co.uk

Or visit the school website:
www.ullswatercc.co.uk

KEEP US UP TO DATE

If you have recently moved house, or changed any contact telephone numbers or email addresses, please let us know as soon as possible by completing this form:

<https://forms.gle/wAQcYvdmkgVC73Kp8>



HUB CLOSURE OVER HALF TERM

Please note that the childcare hub will be closed over half term. We hope students and parents have a good break and look forward to seeing you again on 22 February.

an INSPECTOR CALLS...

KS4/5 students, studying J.B. Priestly's, 'An Inspector Calls', held a Google Meet with Dean Raine, the Police Community Support Officer.



'An Inspector Calls' focuses on concerns around age, gender, class and social responsibility, and Dean discussed these issues with the students, highlighting that we all have a responsibility for society and for caring for those less fortunate than ourselves.



Dean spoke of petty theft, it may seem unimportant at the time but there could be some underlying issues, such as possible hunger, lack of money or homelessness. We shouldn't judge others, we should be ready to support and help where we can.

Helen Pickup

Cumbria Share Sound 2021

With:

Share Sound
ORCHESTRAS *Live*



ROYAL
PHILHARMONIC
ORCHESTRA



Come and Join us: A fantastic opportunity to join a brand new virtual ensemble, meet new friends and create new music.

Cumbria Music Hub in collaboration with Orchestras Live and the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra (RPO) invites you to join a creative project which will explore the possibilities of digital working and co-creation of new music.

- This virtual ensemble will allow you to socialise and make music together.
- Open to all young people, year 7 and upwards, whatever you play/sing and whatever your musical interests.
- Any instrument or voice from acoustic, electronic, digital to tin whistle is welcome.
- We will be exploring sound worlds, combining instruments old and new, exploring between the notes and out of the box. Anything goes!
- 5 sessions to create and explore new music with musicians from the RPO and composer James Redwood, who will arrange your piece. These sessions will take place via Zoom and be hosted by the RPO.
- 2 supplementary sessions hosted by local musicians.
- 4 rehearsals to learn your part so you can record it for the performance video.
- Grand Virtual Finale with Share Sound ensembles across the UK in July 2021
- Live performance in Carlisle, July 2021 TBC
- Deadline for applications: Friday 12th February 2021
- If you have any questions pop them in an email to: cumbriamusic@service.cumbria.gov.uk

Sign up at <https://cumbriamusichub.com/share-sound/>

Structure and Timetable

All sessions will take place via Zoom – you'll receive a link to access the project in your own space via phone or computer/tablet etc. In each Zoom session there will be breakout sessions so you can chat and share, develop ideas with other participants and meet different professional musicians.

The project begins at the end of February and will culminate with a virtual finale in July 2021 where we will meet the 5 other Share Sound projects from around the country.

There will be:

- 5 virtual sessions with Composer James Redwood and musicians from the RPO
- 2 virtual sessions led by musicians from SoundWave, Cockermouth School and Music Centre and Cumbria Youth Orchestra.
- 4 rehearsals in May to learn your part and record it for the performance video

Dates:

Workshop 1	Thurs 25th Feb 16:45-18:45
Workshop 2	Thurs 4th March 16:45-18:45
Workshop 3	Thurs 11th March (with local musicians)
Workshop 4	Thurs 18th March 16:45-18:45
Workshop 5	Thurs 25th March 16:45-18:45
Workshop 6	End of Easter holidays tbc (with local musicians)
Workshop 7 (Final Session)	Thurs 22nd April 16:45-18:45
4 Rehearsals for practice and uploading your recording	May / June
Virtual Finale	7th July tbc.

Recordings will be edited together to produce a soundtrack and video of your new piece which will be premiered at the virtual finale in July.

Expectations for participants
Once you receive your Zoom session invitation, make sure you are ready for the session, and sign in on time. Remember to have your instrument, ready for each digital workshop.

When you sign up for the project we will give you more information on what is involved in recording audio and video from home.

8. SCARLET WOMAN REQUIRES ESCORT FOR
FREQUENT TRIPS THROUGH FOREST REGIONS
TO VISIT ELDERLY RELATIVE.
VEGETARIANS ONLY. OUTDOOR TYPE
WITH HUNTING SKILLS
PREFERRED.

9. AMPHIBIOUS CHARACTER WITH MORE
MONEY THAN SENSE. IN NEED OF WIFE TO
ASSIST COUNTRY FRIENDS IN KEEPING ME
OUT OF TROUBLE. BE MY GET-OUT-OF-JAIL
FREE CARD. MEET ME AT
MY COUNTRY MANOR.
TOOT TOOT!

7. SEA-FARING GENT, FED-UP DOING
THINGS SINGLE-HANDEDLY SEEKS OTHER
WITH WHOM TO FERRARISE-SAIL THE
HIGH SEAS, CAPTURE LOST BOYS
AND AVOID CROCODILES.

workshops ... video editing ... and lots more



be creative, have fun and share music with the community

KEY STAGE 5 STUDENTS mean BUSINESS!

WITH LIZ ALLINSON THE OWNER OF THE LION GALLERY IN PENRITH

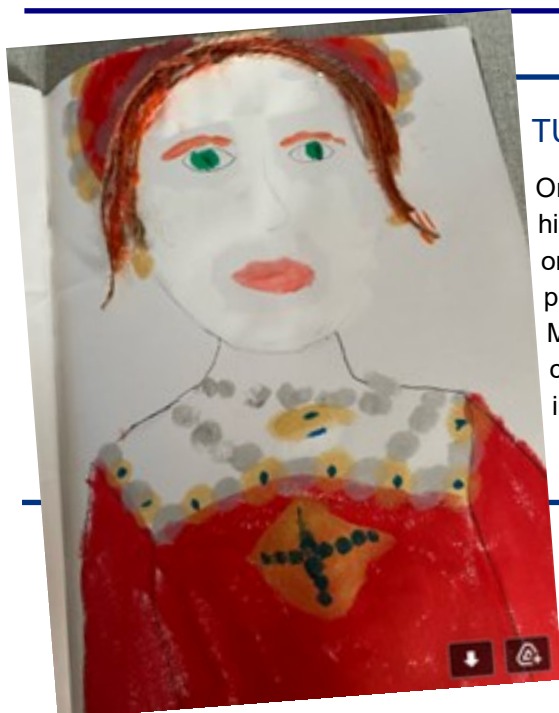
Liz joined the Key Stage 5 students for a Google Meet from her shop, The Lion Gallery on Little Dockray in Penrith. She gave us a lovely virtual tour of the shop and explained how she displayed her goods – paintings, ornaments, jewellery, gifts, cards, scarves, handbags and purses. The Lion Gallery has been open for 38 years and is what is known as a 'destination' shop, which means that people travel to Penrith just to visit the Lion Gallery. Liz regularly welcomes customers from southern Scotland, the north east Cumbria, west Cumbria and Lancashire.

Liz answered the students' questions about customer service, including:

- What are the most important things to know about customer service?
- How do you deal with problem customers?
- What got you into this?
- How have you found running your business in the current climate?
- How many customers do you get in the shop each day?
- Where is your shop in Penrith and what are your opening times?
- What do you look for in a member of staff?
- How do you decide what to sell in the shop?
- How much stock do you usually sell before you re-order?
- How much do people normally spend?
- How many members of staff do you have?

Thank you Liz for such an interesting and informative session!

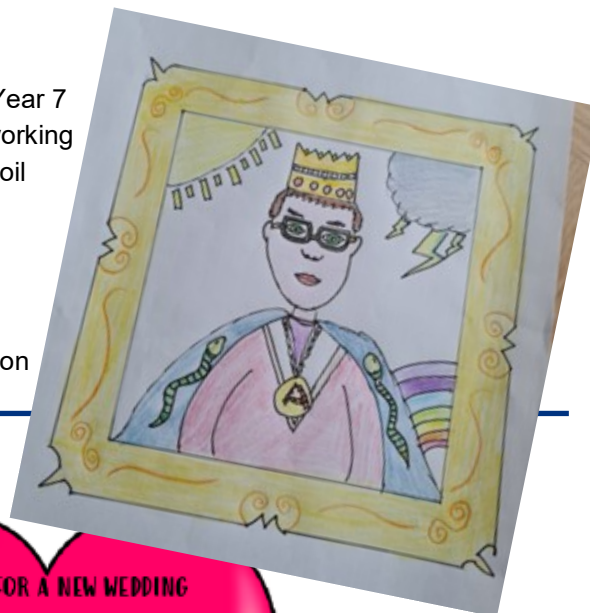
Mrs Pickup



TUDOR PORTRAITS

One of Mrs Richardson's Year 7 history groups has been working on Tudor portraits. These oil paintings are by Matthew Martin and Alex Petts – complete with Tudor imagery!

Mrs Richardson



10. TIME FOR A NEW WEDDING
DRESS! JILTED LADY, STUCK IN THE PAST,
NEEDS SAVING FROM THE FLAMES. IS THERE
MORE TO LIFE THAN REVENGE?

ENQUIRIES TO
SATIS HOUSE.

1. Voldemort 2. Mowgli 3. Ebenezer Scrooge 4.
Katiniss Everdeen 5. Willy Wonka 6. Mr Darcy 7.
Captain Hook 8. Red Riding Hood 9. Mr. Toad 10.
Miss Havisham

QUIZ ANSWERS

**FREE Family
Learning
Online
QUICK-SKILL
courses**

**New for
Autumn
2020-21**



Family Learning - Community Learning and Skills

Family Learning has moved online to help support schools, nurseries, parents and carers during COVID 19. Check out our new offer of QUICK-SKILL courses to help you through lock-downs, self-isolating, home-learning, homework and catching up.

Ideal for parents, grandparents and carers of children in nursery up to Year 6, you can find a range of short courses to help you to support your child with key skills and health and wellbeing.

You can find more details on our website: adultlearning.cumbria.gov.uk or email or phone your local centre - contact details on the back page.

Family Learning QUICK-SKILL courses are delivered on ZOOM, so when you enrol you will receive a link by email to join the course at the scheduled time. Each course has a short introductory session of up to half an hour, when you can meet the tutor and other folks on your course, get comfortable with using ZOOM and find out a bit more. Don't be put off by using ZOOM - contact us for help. Most courses are two or three sessions of one and a half hours.

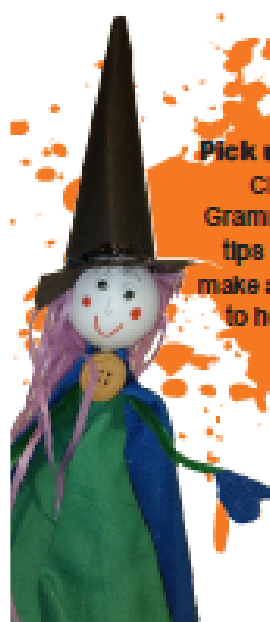
(Your child's school or nursery can also request an online Family Learning QUICK-SKILL course - ask to see if they are planning to host one.)

Pick up a Quick-Skill in English

Choose from: Punctuation, Grammar, Spelling, Writing and top tips for Reading with your child; make a reading den; make a puppet to help your child with phonics.

Get nifty with a Quick-Skill in Maths:

Choose from: Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication, Division, Fractions, Shape and Times Tables.



New courses to be added - keep checking the website!

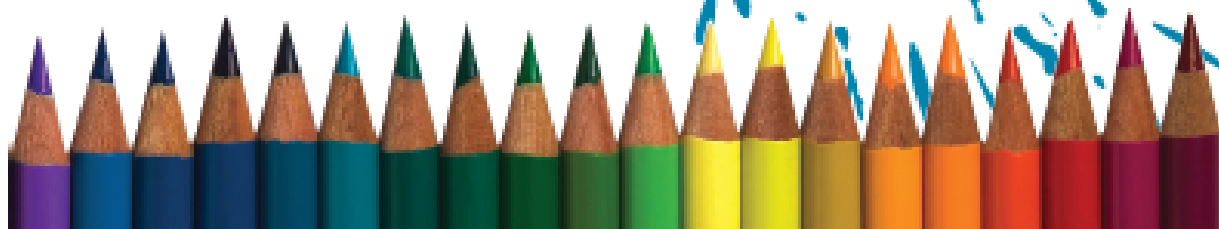


Pop in for a QUICK-SKILL in Science - discover the science behind some great activities to follow up with the children

Pop in for a QUICK-SKILL in Health and Wellbeing - explore ideas and games to help your child sleep better; get creative in the kitchen with ideas for simple healthy snacks, or make a fabulous resource to help them feel good about themselves or soothe uncomfortable feelings.

Pop in for a QUICK-SKILL in Art and Craft - discover some great art techniques to share with the children and a wealth of ideas to get creative.

Pop in for a QUICK-SKILL for Early Years - Get creative and make resources to get your child chatting and counting - make a mobile or puppet to encourage their language and have fun.



Find us on FACEBOOK for the most up to date promotions on all our courses - Community Learning and Skills

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Free, Friendly and Fun! Community Learning and Skills

*Mystified by your child's schoolwork?
Stuck for ideas?
Feeling a bit rusty in Maths and English?*

Lockdown means home-schooling is back but help is at hand for parents and families in Cumbria.

The Community Learning and Skills Family Learning Team are keen to support families with home-learning, with their exciting and varied offer of free, short, online "Family Learning Quick-Skill" courses, all packed with ideas and activities.

Details of all courses and how to enrol can be found online at:
<https://adultlearning.cumbria.gov.uk/subjects/family.asp>

Alternatively contact your local centre to have a chat with one of our friendly staff:

Allerdale: alderdaleclas@cumbria.gov.uk / 01900 706023

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