

Ullswater Community College Newsletter

May 2024



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Welcome to our May Newsletter!

As we always do at this time of year – an enormous well done & good luck! - to all of our year 11's & 13's who are in the midst of their summer exam series. Everyone has made a fantastic start to their exams, attendance is exemplary & the feedback from students & staff is positive – keep it up, keep working hard & in the summer you will all receive the grades you deserve.

To all 266 of our new year 7's for September – **Welcome to Ullswater!**

It has been a pleasure to welcome some of you on early visits and to see you in your primary schools during my recent visits, I wonder which of you will accompany me next year to speak with the year 5's? I am very much looking forward to getting to know you all a little better during our upcoming **Transition day on Thursday 4 July** and during the rest of your time here at UCC.

It is an exciting time to be joining our wonderful school and I know you are all going to make a fantastic contribution to the life of Ullswater over the coming years.

I find it hard to believe we are once again quickly approaching the end of another academic year. My thanks to all the staff for the huge amount of work that has gone into preparing everyone for the exams and another big **THANK YOU** to all the parents and carers who have worked incredibly closely with us to help prepare the students.

It has been another busy and productive term here at Ullswater and the newsletter contains some fantastic stories and updates about the school as well as further information that may be of use to many of our community, so please take a few minutes to read through and get a sense of the things taking place across the school in recent weeks.

I've been visiting lots of schools and year 5 students, many of whom will be attending our **Year 5 Open Evening on Thursday 27 June**, when we will once again see hundreds of families visit the school – pass the word on, all are welcome to come and find out more about our **Ambitious** and **Caring** Ullswater Community College where everyone is **Equal**.

The real heart of our school is carried by every single member of our community and it is because of the efforts of everyone that we are now able to build towards our future goals of becoming 'Best in County' in everything we do, securing a future Outstanding grade and preparing for the significant development of the UCC site and buildings.

As always stay safe, stay in touch, let us know if there is anything you need or we can help with and we look forward to a very productive final half term of the 2023-24 academic year.

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**Our April
Winner is...**

Mr K Foster



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**Our May
Winner is...**

Mr D Melling



CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH

DON'T FORGET

...the many support services
we can offer our students;

- Wellbeing Champions - Health Hub
- KOOTH (online service that can be accessed anytime, but is available every lunchtime in R30)
- Mental Health First Aiders - Health Hub
- Occupational Therapist - internal referral
- Sexual Health Drop Ins - Health Hub
- Bereavement Support - Mrs Higgins, Attendance
- Advanced Thrive Practitioners - internal referral
- "Set to Soar" - internal referral
- Barnardos delivered CBT-based intervention
- UCC Chaplain
- Prayer Space



Introducing three of our new Wellbeing Champions, sixth form students; Izzy, Emily & Courtney.

Available every Monday lunchtime in the Eamont block, other students are welcome to pop down for a 1:1 chat if you need a bit of extra support!

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Kooth is a great mental health resource for parents & students.
To read more visit our website;
https://ullswatercc.co.uk/parents/mental_health_wellbeing/

Use iPay to top up your child's lunch account? Or pay for a school visit?



iPayimpact

It's here! The iPay App.
Making school payments easier for parents.

Download the app



They now have an app to make it much simpler - download now!

Is your child starting secondary school in September?

Do you live in a village?



If so, you must apply for school transport before the deadline - Friday 31 May 2024 -

Eden Valley Hospice

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Cumbria's Children's Hospice

We need your prom dresses, suits and more!

Do you have any clean and undamaged prom wear including dresses, suits, ties and accessories?

Donate them to a great cause!

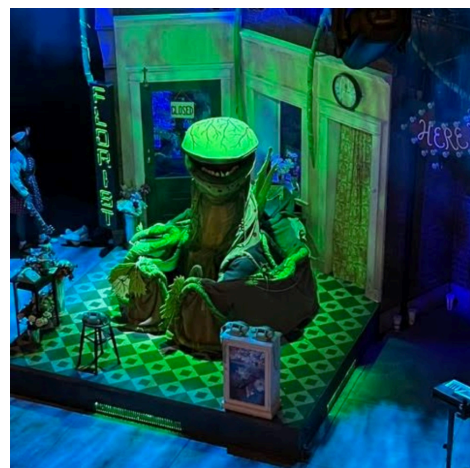
We're aiming to hold a pop-up shop to ensure that everyone has the chance to get their hands on prom gear.

Items can be dropped off at any of our shops or at the hospice itself on Durdar Road.

Call us on 01228 810801 or email shops@edenvalehospice.org to find out more.

Theatre by the Lake

In April the music department took a group of students to see Little Shop of Horrors, at Theatre by the Lake in Keswick. They thoroughly enjoyed watching the actors play the music as well as perform. A highly recommended watch!



The Youth Summit

Two UCC students visited the USA in April to compete in a cheerleading competition! Keira & Wren did a fantastic job & had an amazing experience. Their team came 28th out of 52 WORLDWIDE teams, 1st in the UK and 1st in Europe! Amazing!



Former UCC student, Ben Welsh, has achieved his dream - being on the pitch for his favourite football team Manchester United, although not in the way you might think!



A man of many talents, Ben has a successful career as both a car mechanic & a groundsman at Old Trafford, home of his beloved team.

Starting out at his local amateur team, Langwathby United, Ben wanted to help out in his spare time & took a course in grounds keeping which taught him how to maintain & upkeep their football & cricket pitches. His hard work & dedication was noticed locally with Langwathby's pitches being some of the best in the area, and finding he really enjoyed the work, Ben volunteered to work at Salford City to get some higher level work experience.

Fancying something a little closer to home, Ben contacted Carlisle United to see whether there were any opportunities to work on the pitch at Brunton Park; all the while keeping his 'day job' as a mechanic at Intercars in Penrith.

This commitment, hard work & enthusiasm led to a position on the grounds staff at Carlisle United & an opportunity to attend a course near Manchester & join the grounds staff at his favourite team. Although modest about his achievements, Ben is delighted to be working in a job he loves for an employer he has loved since he was young.

Ben is a great example of how hard work, dedication & being proactive about something you're passionate about can pay off; his proudest moment being cutting the grass at Old Trafford for the first time!

All of us at UCC would like to wish Ben all the very best for the future in his exciting and unusual career.

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Year 13 Early Years students have successfully completed their final assessments; some are now finishing their placements, others are starting their early years careers in the local community! To celebrate our last lesson together, in true early years style, we made homemade pizzas. Mrs McCormick supplied the dough and the pizza oven, and students enjoyed a celebratory feast. Even Mr Jackson couldn't resist a slice of the action! Good luck for the future everyone!



Year 11 HSC students visited Cold Springs care home recently. Their oldest resident is 99 years old & has some wonderful stories to tell! Students were absolutely amazing, I was incredibly proud of every single one of them; they acted with compassion & sensitivity. Cold Springs Wellbeing coordinator said; "The students chatting to the residents has such a positive impact & boosts their moods for days. It means so much to them to feel connected & part of the community".
A very proud Mrs McCormick!

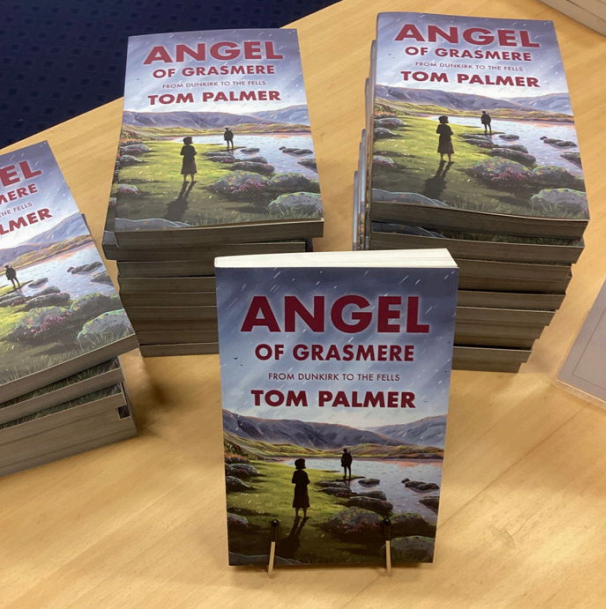


We are extremely proud of Year 13 Health & Social Care students, Dylan and Holly, who have completed their NWAS (North West Ambulance Service) First Responder Training.

As soon as they receive their medical equipment / bags, they can respond to 999 calls (mainly life threatening emergencies) in conjunction with the ambulance service.

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Tom Palmer Author Visit

Inspiring author Tom Palmer visited UCC this half term to talk to students about his new book, Angel of Grasmere.

Already a popular author, Tom is now a firm UCC favourite.

With over 65 books published and a host of awards, he had a wealth of knowledge to share with students.

A number of his books are set in Cumbria during WW2, so it was really exciting to hear about them and know their locations.

Hedgehog Books kindly attended to give students the opportunity to buy books and have them signed by Tom.



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National Champions

Massive congratulations to UCC brothers Matthew & Toby, who became National Junior League Champions in Wheelchair Basketball with their under 18 team, the Mohawks!

The competition took place at the weekend down in Colchester, against Scottish team, Lothian Phoenix.

It's a fantastic result & we are all incredibly proud of you both!



Year 13 UPS Students - Exercise Final Fling



Year 13 Uniformed Services recently spent two days conducting adventurous training on their EXERCISE FINAL FLING. Students planned & prepared the two day expedition as part of their final unit of the L3 UPS course.

Students pushed themselves outside of their comfort zones with rock climbing, canoeing & most adventurous of all, Ghyll Scrambling. Following initial briefings, it was up to students' themselves to use their practical skills, teamwork communication & a little courage to complete each task.

Students worked hard, had fun & created memories alongside skills, all while representing UCC with the highest standards.

Two days they should be proud of, said UPS Mr Bellamy.

Thanks to Path to Adventure, for providing an excellent 2 days of adventurous training.



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UCC CrossFit

Key Stage 3 after school taster sessions are going brilliantly! Students are really getting involved and seem to be loving it!



Running for England

So incredibly proud of Year 11 student Rose, who is not only revising and sitting her GCSEs - but also came 3rd in her race in Sedbergh a couple of weeks ago, meaning she's now qualified to run for England in the International Mountain Running Cup this summer! Well done Rose!

Year 8 student Anna spent the weekend walking the 22 mile Ullswater Way for charity. In the company of two friends (no adults!) they hiked & camped - all to raise money for The Fragile X Society, a cause very close to her heart.

Anyone that would like to donate, can do so here;

www.justgiving.com/page/morna-sims-1714680078336

Well done Anna!!

JustGiving™



Fragile  Society

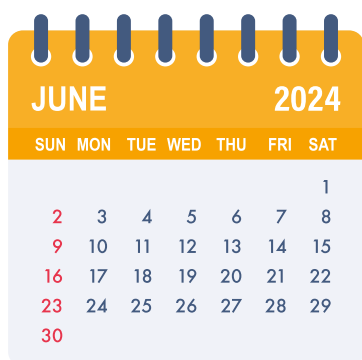


Eco Council

Students in the Eco council are trialling their idea this term, where Year 7 tutor groups do a litter pick around school once a week, on a rotational basis during tutor time. Great work everyone!



COMING SOON



Thursday 6 June - HPV catch up vaccinations

21 - 27 June - Year 12 Mock Exams

Friday 21 June - Year 13 Summer Ball

21 - 28 June - Year 10 Mock Exams

Wednesday 26 June - Exam Contingency Day

Wednesday 26 June - Year 11 Prom [1]

Thursday 27 June - Year 11 Prom [2]

Thursday 27 June - Year 5 Open Evening

w/c 1 July - Year 12 Work Experience

3 & 5 July - Sixth Form Induction days

Thursday 4 July - Year 6/7 Transition day

Monday 8 July - South Africa Trip

Thursday 11 July - Summer Music Concert

Friday 19 July - Last day of term



<https://ullswatercc.co.uk/calendar/>

We are looking forward to welcoming all students back on Monday 3 June 2024 (Week A)



Ullswater Community College Year 5 Open Evening

Thursday 27 June 2024

Drop in between 4pm-6pm, no appointment needed

Presentations from the Headteacher throughout the evening

Recently judged **good** in all areas by Ofsted, Ullswater Community College is an exciting and vibrant school. Students enjoy a wide range of opportunities in an environment where great teaching results in excellent outcomes.

We are proud of our school and, naturally, we hope that what we offer is attractive and important to others. We are very proud of our students too; we expect a lot from them and we believe that the school has much to offer in return.

UCC is a happy school with an established reputation for examination success and excellent progress for pupils. Our rich extra-curricular life and strong personal relationships between pupils, parents and staff make us a popular choice for the local community.

We look forward to welcoming parents and Year 5 students to our open evening.

Don't just take our word for it...

"Everyone's unique talents are valued here."

"Pupils relish the impressive range of opportunities available to them to develop their talents and interests."

"Pupils with SEND are fully included in the life of the school...these pupils flourish."

"The school is calm and pupils enjoy positive and respectful relationships with staff."

Ofsted, 2023



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Westmorland
& Furness
Council

Free school meals and clothing vouchers

Apply online to see if your child or children can get free school meals and clothing vouchers. In certain circumstances free school meals are available to families with no recourse to public funds.

Qualifying for free school meals and school clothing vouchers

Benefits you receive

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support.
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance.
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance.
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit.
- Child Tax Credit - Provided you're **not** also entitled to Working Tax Credit. Also your annual gross income of **no more** than £16,190.
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.
- Universal Credit - if your household income is less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get).

Apply for free school meals and school clothing vouchers

If you already get free school meals and clothing grants you do not need to apply for each school year.

➔ [Apply for free school meals and school clothing vouchers](#)

- Where possible all parents and guardians should apply online. You will need to register on the Citizen Portal to do this. If you apply online you will receive an immediate response telling you if you are eligible for the vouchers.
- If you are unable to apply online please contact the free school meals team - telephone: **0300 373 3300**.

<https://www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/schools-and-education/free-school-meals-and-clothing-vouchers>



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The Regent
Old London Road
Penrith
Cumbria
CA11 8ET
Tel: 01752 366795

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