

Ullswater Community College

Behaviour &
Culture
The UCC Way
ACE



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The UCC 10 Golden Rules

To maintain a positive learning environment, we have established the **UCC 10 Golden Rules**, which all students are expected to follow both inside and outside the classroom. The **10 Golden Rules** ensure that our **ACE** values are upheld at all times and that students can be **100% engaged in their learning**.

The UCC **10** Golden Rules

1. Enter lessons calmly
2. Sit where you are asked to sit
3. Complete the Do It Now task in silence
4. Be silent when the teacher is talking
5. Be engaged in your learning
6. Wear the correct uniform
7. Be punctual to school and lessons
8. No mobile phones
9. Walk calmly on the left in school
10. Be kind and show respect to others – follow the UCC STEPS



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Introduction

At Ullswater Community College, we are dedicated to providing a nurturing and supportive environment that fosters both academic and personal growth for all students. We are committed to ensuring that every student has the best opportunities to learn and achieve their full potential. We expect students to be fully engaged in their learning and for lessons to be free from disruption. We recognise that for some students, the demands of school life can be challenging and we support students in meeting our high expectations. To uphold our values of Ambitious, Caring, and Equal, we have revised our behaviour system to support all students in achieving 100% engagement in learning.

Our new system, to support excellent behaviour for learning, is rooted in the UCC Core Values:

Ambitious:

- Set high expectations of ourselves to achieve the best we can and be the best we can be.
- Show resilience and determination when faced with challenges and setbacks.

Caring:

- Be kind to each other, have self-respect and show respect for others.
- Help and support others when they need it.

Equal:

- Value every individual for their own unique talents and personality.
- Show zero tolerance of bullying or any discriminatory behaviour.

The UCC values are the foundation of our expectations for behaviour. They provide a 'road-map' for how we behave at UCC – students, staff and wider members of the community – and the kind of young adults we want our students to become.

This guide explains the key changes to our systems and how they will benefit your child's education.



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Headteacher



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Assistant Headteacher

Introducing STEPS: Promoting Respectful Interactions

All members of the UCC community treat each other with respect and consideration. The UCC Steps make it clear to all students and staff how to be respectful in all our daily interactions. We want our students to model good manners, be polite and show care for each other.

The UCC Steps will help us build a community based on mutual respect and consideration.



Sir, Miss, Dr. every time - it should end every sentence.



Thank you - every time someone does something for us.



Excuse me - every time you need to enquire or get attention... then we wait.



Please - every time you ask for something.



Sorry - every time we make a mistake. We make sure we do everything we can to put it right.



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Positive Reinforcement: ACE Points and Rewards

To encourage and reward good learning behaviours, we have introduced the **ACE Points**, which will replace ATLS. Students can earn ACE Points for demonstrating our core values:

- **Ambition** - by showing dedication and effort in their studies.
- **Caring** - for acts of kindness and helpfulness to others.
- **Equal** - for showing respect, tolerance, and inclusivity.

ACE Points can be awarded during lessons, extracurricular activities, and for any other positive contributions. Additionally, we have special recognitions like sUCCess Awards, Golden Tickets, Student of the Week awards, and Celebration Assemblies to celebrate students' achievements.

Clear and Consistent Consequences

If students do not follow to the 10 UCC Golden Rules, we have a structured response to ensure fairness and consistency:

If a student is not following the Golden Rules, they will be sent to **Withdrawal**. In Withdrawal students will explore the reason for their removal from lesson with pastoral staff, who will decide upon next steps. This may include:

- Time out
- Time in the Internal Support Unit (ISU)
- Detentions
- Behaviour support plans
- Tailored interventions

Where students have repeat removals from lessons, or are not able to meet the school's expectations, the consequences may include suspension from school. We will also request that parents meet with key staff to work with school to address any ongoing issues.

Students will have the opportunity to reflect on their actions and work towards positive changes through restorative practices and support plans.



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School Uniform

UCC Golden Rule 6 is “wear the correct uniform”. At UCC we believe that school uniform is an important part of our school identity and that it helps to foster a sense of communal belonging. We also believe it helps to minimise the pressure on families to provide certain types of expensive clothing, and is practical and affordable.

Students will be expected to follow Golden Rule 6 at all times. If a student is not wearing uniform, they will be sent to Withdrawal and may receive further sanctions if the issues persist.

For a very small number of students, we acknowledge that some adaptations may be appropriate in relation to uniform. In these cases, such adaptations will be agreed with Pastoral staff and our SENDCo.

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

The Role of Teachers and Staff

Our staff are committed to creating a positive and engaging learning environment:

- **Teachers** will apply the Golden Rules consistently, know all the students they teach as individuals, welcome students warmly, and plan engaging lessons.
- **Pastoral Leaders and Heads of Departments** will monitor classroom removals, maintain communication with parents, and support their colleagues in managing behaviour effectively.



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Communication and Monitoring: Keeping Parents and Carers Informed

We believe in maintaining open communication with parents. Over the summer, we will be making changes to our school management system, replacing ClassCharts. We will keep you updated on your child's behaviour, both positive and negative, through a new parent app, which we will launch in September 2024. This ensures that you are always in the loop and can support your child's journey at UCC.

Final Thoughts

We are excited about these changes and believe they will significantly enhance the school experience for all students. We appreciate your support in reinforcing these values at home and working with us to nurture a positive, respectful, and ambitious community at Ullswater Community College.

For more information or if you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school at **admin@ullswatercc.co.uk**



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