

Ullswater Community College Newsletter

April 2025



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Hello Everyone,

I hope you can spend a few moments reading the schools Newsletter – it is difficult to believe we are already at the Easter break! This shares only some of the activities and events that have happened in school over the action packed half term...

Firstly, a **huge CONGRATULATIONS & a very warm and special welcome to all of our new year 7 students!** who will be joining us in September. We cannot wait to welcome you to Ullswater & whilst your time at Primary is coming to an end your time at UCC is just beginning.

Over the next 5 & 7 years you are going to have the chance to experience so many wonderful milestones & we cannot wait to be a part of them. One of the first will be your transition day taking place on **Thursday 3 July** and in the near future we will be sharing lots more information about it & getting ready for your start at UCC. There will also be a **parent/carer event after school on this day** too that will welcome you to the school, share the **sUCC**esses of the day, allow you to meet staff & provide an opportunity to try on & order your new uniform.

As always, every term at Ullswater is an exciting one & this term has been no exception. Throughout the newsletter you will see many of the wonderful activities & events that have been taking place.

Year 11's and 13's, you are now rapidly approaching the final phase of your time at UCC & will soon be completing your GCSE's & A-Levels, in fact some exams have already been completed & well done to the many students who have already secured some of their grades for the summer.

It will be a hard few weeks but with all the support of those around you, I know you are going to be very successful in the summer & will receive the grades you deserve. Focus, work hard & let us know if you need anything. Be sure to capitalise on everything that is offered to you as we approach the exam window.

As always, our greatest asset are our wonderful students & so far this year we have awarded 85000 ACE points since September – a true reflection of all the fantastic work our students undertake in the school every lesson, every day.

Congratulations to all our **sUCC**ess award and **Golden** ticket winners, what a privilege it is to celebrate & recognise all their accomplishments – well done to all our winners! We always include some useful information towards the end of the newsletter & on our website in relation to sources of help for families from the school & more widely during these difficult times – be sure to take a look & remember to contact us if you need anything at all.

Please spend a few moments completing our parent questionnaire that has been shared with you – we really want to hear from you about all the good things & where we can improve, so help us to continue getting better.

In the meantime, we will continue to do everything we can to support all your efforts. As always, stay in touch, let us know if you need anything & enjoy the Easter break.

I look forward to seeing you all return safe & well for the summer term.

Mr Gilby

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**You're
Blooming
Marvellous!**

**Our February
Winner is...**

Mrs Murray



**You're
Blooming
Marvellous!**

**Our March
Winner is...**

Ms Pickering



Huge Congratulations to all our Golden Ticket Prize Draw Winners!

Hard earned golden tickets throughout the term culminated in some prize winning today!

McDonald's vouchers went to Linc, Jacob, Dillon & Ethan!

Amazon vouchers went to Francis, Jacob & Lilly!

ASOS vouchers went to Connor, Olivia & Sorina!

Kendal Calling tickets went to Esme & Will!

Center Parcs voucher went to Bella!

A laptop went to Alisia!!

Well Done Everyone!!





Huge congratulations to the nominees & winners of our Spring term **sUCCess** awards.

These awards are based on our values; Ambitious, Caring & Equal and students are nominated by teachers in each category.

Well done; Anisia, Ollie, Daniel, Oscar, Amber, Halle, Megan, Loki, Tommy, Isla, Antonina, Will, Mohamad, Sophie, Jacey, Tamsin, Dominic, Grace, Annie, Finlay, Rowan, Miley, Raine, Leon, Kelly, Ellis, Jared, Natasha, Ethan, Ronnie, Lucy, Louie, Freya, Alicia, Patrick, Hadia, Brooke, Matthew, Maja, Frankie, Greta, Jared (again) **and** Olipher!!

sUCCess

**Congratulations
to our
sUCCess
Award Winners!**

Ambitious - Caring - Equal

This is a photo of the December winners, who sadly missed their awards lunch so were invited along today as well!
Well done everyone!

**- Ambitious
- Caring
- Equal**



**Year 11 & 13
Intervention
Sessions**

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These sessions are well underway and will continue through to May Half Term. Some subjects will invite all students, some will be more targeted based on recent mocks, current attainment etc.

They will take place on Saturday's, Easter holidays & May half term & you will receive an email making you aware that your child has been invited.

Students (& parents) are strongly advised to regularly check the calendar on your Arbor App where updates will appear.

If you are invited we strongly recommend that you attend - give yourself the best chance of success in your summer exams!



UCC LIBRARY

WOW! So much work went into World Book Day(/week) at UCC, a big thank you to everyone involved & we hope everyone enjoyed it as much as we did!

Josh Silver Author Visit

We started the week with a visit from one of our favourite authors! He talked to a group of students all about how he came to write his novels & the struggles he faced. His first novel is currently being turned into a film & he has another book coming out in May. He VERY patiently signed a lot of books, as well as running a really inspiring creative writing workshop.

Book in a Box Competition

This competition is becoming an annual event and opened just after Christmas. The winner was announced during World Book Day/Week, with Year 7 students Rosa & her interpretation of Skandar and the Unicorn Thief by A.F. Steadman.

BookFace Competition

Students were tasked with identifying 47 members of staff whose faces had been obscured by books! The prize went to Year 7 student Roxy, who guessed every single one!!

World Book Day books

Students were given the opportunity to visit the library and collect their FREE book throughout the day!

Tutor Time Quiz

Every tutor group was given a book quiz to complete in tutor time, with 11RD walking away with the prize!

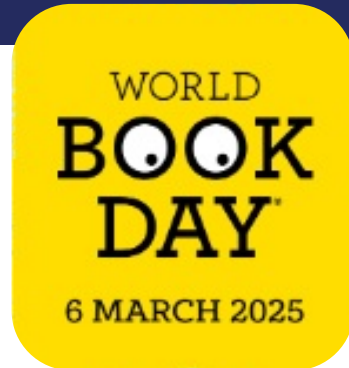
World Book Day Costumes

What can we say! The effort some staff & students went to was amazing - we can only share a few but you can find all the photos & videos on our social media channels.

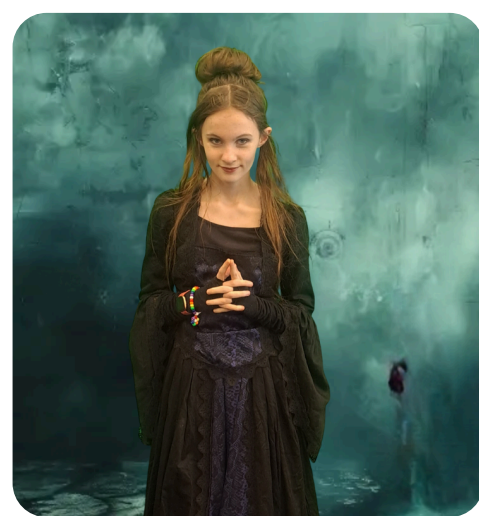
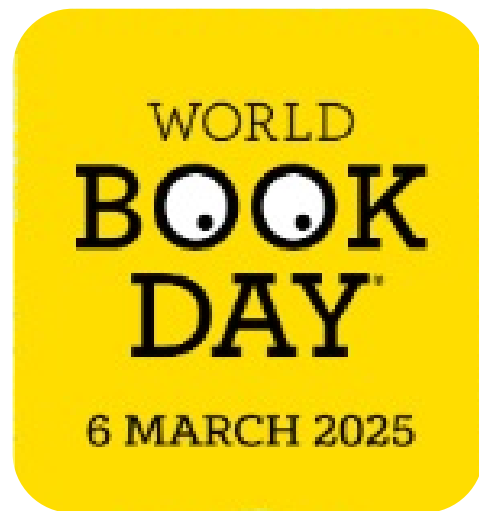
The winning staff were Mr Priestley, Ms McCracken & Mrs Parsons.

Winning students were Drew, Aeron, Amelia & Oli.

A huge well done and thank you to everyone involved!!



WATCH THIS SPACE for an exciting new addition to the library after Easter!!!





National Reading Champions Quiz 2025

CONGRATULATIONS on becoming a Renaissance Accelerated Reader WORD MILLIONAIRE

Students who have become word millionaires through Accelerated Reader enjoyed taking part in an escape room challenge today!

Based on an alien abduction they had to work out a series of tricky puzzles to escape, their powers of deduction and teamwork were very impressive. Well done everyone!!

Keen readers from Year 7 & Year 8 represented UCC at the National Champions Quiz this term.

The competition took place online & students battled against 26 other schools to answer some fiendishly hard questions. Everyone had a great time & are looking forward to taking part again next year.



Spellbinding Workshops

Books were brought to life for members of our book club this week when reading champion, Dave Cryer, visited to deliver a workshop about the Carnegie & Spellbinding book award shortlist.

The workshop was organised as part of our partnership working with Penrith Library, and included drama & creative activities based on the shortlisted books.

Students' imaginative creations were very impressive & the books have been flying off the shelves since!



Oak Tree Fundraising

Well done to our ASDAN students, who started fundraising in January for the Oak Tree Animal Sanctuary. They collected donations of pet items i.e. bedding, toys, equipment, as well as running a raffle. At the end of February they were able to deliver their collected donations, as well as £119.00 - well done everyone & thank you to everyone who donated!!

Thank you!

Ten Pin Bowling

Four students represented UCC at the North West Ten Pin Bowling Regional Final in Bolton recently!

A very exciting day - individual medals went to Jayden for reaching the 100 and above club, as well as a bronze medal for high score.

Callum was awarded a silver medal for 2 strikes & a spare.

Overall the team; Tilly, Nathan, Jayden & Callum, came 4th out of a total of 12 teams (less than one point away from 3rd place!)

Well done everyone!



Calvert Trust Trip

A group of year 9 students enjoyed a great day at the Calvert Trust recently.

Rock climbing, bushcraft...rounding the day off by toasting marshmallows!

Thank you again to the "Adventures away from home" grant UK Youth that allows trips like this to go ahead!



Panathlon

Well done to the students who recently took part in another Panathlon event at Penrith Leisure Centre! They had a fantastic day, and our two teams of 5 students brought home 2nd & 3rd prize!



National Careers Week 2025

National Careers Week at the beginning of March was a great opportunity to talk to students in different scenarios about their future plans.

UCC staff are available all year round to offer careers advice (CEIAG) to students - but for this week in particular, we interviewed five members of staff on their own career paths.

You can view the videos here;

<https://ullswatercc.co.uk/national-careers-week-2025-staff-interviews/>

Year 10 work experience, very aptly, fell during this week & you can read more about that below.

Some great resources for careers advice/future planning for parents/carers/students;

You can find them all linked at;

www.ullswatercc.co.uk/careers/parents/

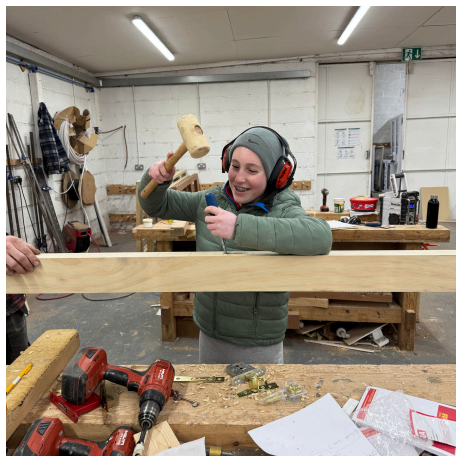
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National Careers Week
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THE
PARENTS'
GUIDE TO



WORK experience

A picture speaks 1000 words...

Thank you to the many local & national companies that hosted UCC Year 10 students in early March. Amazing experiences that they will recall for years to come!



Altered Portraits



Year 8 have been creating altered portraits. Inspired by the artist Loui Jover's Deconstructed Series, they created collages using celebrity portraits and worked into the images in pen and watercolours to represent the thoughts they might have in their heads. Amazing work Year 8!



Wrestling Champions



Five UCC students recently travelled to Brittany to compete in the Backhold Championships in various different categories - all are members of the Carlisle Cumberland and Westmorland Wrestling Club.

George, Ellena & Lucy all came home with Gold medals, Austin with Silver & Owen a Bronze.

A great achievement, especially for Lucy & Ellena in their first international competition, AND when we posted the story on our social media, the local newspaper picked it up & published!

Well done everyone!



Year 11 Update

A Term of Hard Work and Dedication

As we approach the final stretch before exams, I want to take a moment to congratulate our Year 11 students on their incredible commitment this term. It has been inspiring to see so many of them attending revision sessions before and after school, demonstrating outstanding behaviour during their mock exams, and engaging in mature, reflective conversations during the results assembly.

With just over 20 school days remaining, we encourage all students to make the most of their independent study time over Easter and steadily increase their revision load. Every effort they put in now, will be worth it in the end. We also remind them to attend any intervention sessions they are invited to, these will provide valuable support in the final lead-up to exams.

A well-earned celebration awaits, as the Year 11 Prom is officially booked for Wednesday 26 June!

We can't wait to see them enjoy a fantastic evening to mark all their hard work.

Well done, Year 11 keep pushing forward!

A very proud, Mr. Key



With a record breaking 60 applications to university courses this year, our Year 13 students are entering the final few weeks of school in a purposeful & positive way. Whilst preparing for their final exams & completing the last pieces of coursework, they are also busy applying to a wide range of apprenticeships & degree apprenticeships. Mrs Jones is always on hand for career advice & guidance.

Our student leaders across both years have also been busy as subject ambassadors, wellbeing champions & student mentors. Co-ordinated by Mrs O'Brien, the enthusiasm our students embrace the many leadership opportunities across the school always amazes me.

We are looking forward to starting the UCAS process with current Year 12 students in the summer term & also looking forward to the return of Oxford University admissions tutors to help us prepare for the new personal statement format. Year 12 parents' evening on the Thursday 1 May will be a timely moment to check in on preparations for the mock examinations w/c 16 June.

Mrs Simkins is hard at work preparing the residential trip to Leeds University in July & the work experience week & sixth form induction day, the week before.

A group of EPQ students visited Lancaster University Library this term for a research & referencing workshop with their academics.

Have a productive Easter break
Mr Jackson



SHOUT offers free and confidential text support, it's service is there for moments when you're dealing with self-harm and need support to move towards a calmer place. Talking to someone about your self-harming can help reduce the intensity of difficult feelings and reduce the urge to harm yourself. You can access support from SHOUT by texting SHOUT to 85258 to start an anonymous conversation with a trained volunteer who will listen and support you.

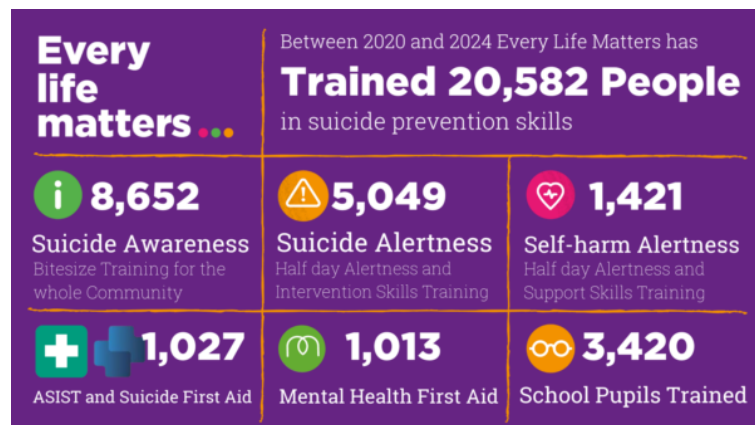
Kooth also provides anonymous and personalised mental health support for children and young people who may be experiencing thoughts of self-harming or who have self-harmed. To access free online support from Kooth's trained team of professionals go to www.kooth.com and click on 'sign up for free' to complete an online form to register with their service

Alumina also offer a free, online 7 week course for young people struggling with self-harm aged between 10-17. Each course has up to 14 young people, all accessing the sessions from their own phones, tablets or laptops across the UK.



UCC
Health
& wellbeing
HUB

As ever our Health Hub is working hard, supporting our students., referring students where needed to all of the available support services.



Dear Parent/Carer,

With the Easter break approaching, at Kooth Digital Health we appreciate there will be some young people who may struggle during the holidays without the access to the daily pastoral support, teaching staff and friends that the school community provides.

WE ARE STILL HERE.

Kooth Digital Health offers free and anonymous therapeutic mental health and wellbeing support to young people in Lancashire & South Cumbria aged between 10-18, (up to 25 for SEND) in Cumberland, age range is 11- 18, (up to 25 for SEND).

Funded and endorsed by the NHS & local authorities. Our services remain available over the Easter period, offering 'on the day' wellbeing support from the comfort of your own home, via any web-enabled device via the following website-



www.kooth.com





Carlisle Music Festival

A huge Congratulations to the UCC Brass Group and Orchestra, who entered the Carlisle Music Festival in mid-March. They were awarded joint **1st place** for the Brass Group and **2nd place** for the Orchestra! Well done everyone!!

Tamsin won two individual competitions at the same festival; 1st place for Brass solo (15-18 years) **and** 1st place for Brass solo (All ages) - an exception individual achievement!!



RIFF CLUB



Last night a selection of UCC music acts performed in front of a live audience!

Vulcans, The Maybe Band, First Edition - Unbranded, The Continentals, Scum City Saints, The Dreadful...

They played their hearts out & everyone had a great time - thank you for coming!!

Ski Trip 2025



On 15 March, 57 enthusiastic Year 10 students & 7 members of staff, set off for a week at the ski resort of La Thuile in Italy. The resort was highly recommended by our tour group Interski; right next to Mt Blanc, it also offered the opportunity to ski across the border into La Rosière, France.

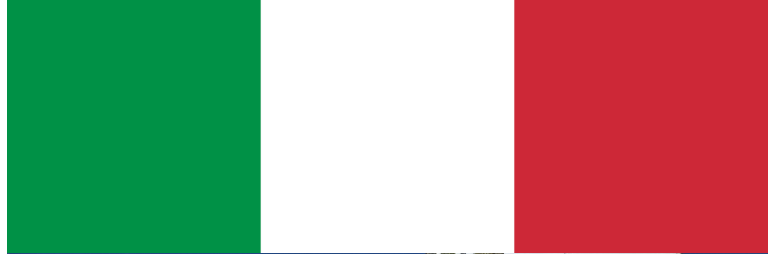
After our long coach trip (thank you to drivers John, Johnny, Tony & Tony!) students got to experience the culture of Italian meal times at the hotel; quickly learning that the pasta course is just the beginning of an amazing 3 course meal!

As far as the ski experience, we couldn't have had a better one. Incredibly fortunate with the weather, we enjoyed glorious sunshine for the majority of our time on the slopes. Excellent piste conditions & surprisingly quiet slopes, it wasn't uncommon for UCC to have entire pistes practically to ourselves - allowing plenty of space to practice & develop our skills.

Thanks to the brilliant instructors, 35 students who had never skied before confidently navigated red slopes by the end of the week. As for our 22 "experienced" students, they were challenged all week to develop their skills & tackle more challenging terrain. The instructors spoke highly of their attitude & how well every student progressed during the week.

Of course, no ski trip is complete without a few memorable (& comical) moments; the coveted "Doughnut of the Day" award saw some tough competition, but a special mention for an incident involving Mrs. Bennett, who inadvertently took out her instructor & almost flew off the side of the mountain! Thankfully, all staff & students escaped any serious injury - with the exception of some

interesting tan lines! The success of this fantastic week has us already looking forward to the possibility of another ski trip in the near future; providing more students with the opportunity to enjoy the thrill of the slopes. Finally, a big thank you to all the parents for their support in making this possible - your trust and encouragement is greatly appreciated!





46 hard working students headed to **Dance Live!** in Blackpool in late February. They'd spent weeks & weeks coming up with a concept, set, costumes, lighting, sound, rehearsing...and they won an impressive second place!

A huge well done & thank you to everyone involved!!



Competition



Congratulations to Year 7 students; Rosa & Banin for winning 1st place in the Cumberland & Westmorland Herald competition to "transform an old copy of the Herald into something extraordinary".

They were delighted to win & receive a £25 gift card, as well as having their work displayed in the window of the Herald office

Well done both!

U Dance

A couple of weeks ago we took 28 UCC dancers to **U Dance** in Carlisle.

Years 7-10, they performed their incredible piece, inspired by "taking the time away from technology & appreciate the beautiful Lake District!"

Amazing job everyone!



Price Increases

We are always mindful of the financial pressures that many families face, and we have tried hard to maintain our current prices since 2022. However, due to increasing costs, we will be introducing some necessary price adjustments after the Easter holidays.

Starting Tuesday 22 April 2025, there will be a price increase of approximately 10% on most school meal items. This change reflects the impact of inflation, including rising food prices and associated costs. However, please note that the meal deal price will remain the same.

In addition, the following school uniform items will be adjusted in line with supplier costs, again effective from Tuesday 22 April.

* School Ties £8.10 each * School Jumpers £17.60 each

We understand that these changes may be concerning for some families. If you feel that you may be eligible for free school meals or clothing vouchers, we strongly encourage you to check :

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

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact us.

International Day of Maths

Congratulations to our Year 8 and 9 mathematicians, who participated in a team competition in early March, hosted by UK Mathematics Trust.

Students tried incredibly hard, worked brilliantly in their team & had a wonderful day - well done everyone!

THEN, a couple of days later UCC hosted a Maths Feast for the first time - a huge thank you to Lancaster University & the AMSP for running the day, it was an amazing turn out for the first competition, every team worked with diligence & resilience, solving some very tricky maths puzzles - can't wait to host again!

We are thrilled to celebrate the incredible achievements of our Year 9, 10 & 11 students who recently took part in the UK Maths Challenge.

Their hard work, perseverance, & enthusiasm for mathematics has truly paid off, with many students achieving remarkable results!

The UK Maths Challenge is a prestigious competition that challenges students' problem-solving skills & mathematical thinking. It's no small feat to participate & even more impressive to see so many students excel.

A special congratulations goes to those who achieved Gold, Silver, & Bronze certificates, as well as to

everyone who participated—your effort & dedication is truly commendable.

A special mention to Amber, Ash & Taylor, for being awarded Best in their Year!!



Year 8 Netball Team

Well done to our Year 8 Netball team who played some fantastic netball in early March, coming second in the Eden District Netball Tournament!



Our final first team netball fixture finished with a win last week!

A huge thank you to the team for all their incredible work this season, it has been a privilege to watch all their success. Thank you to QEGS for hosting, which was the perfect end to the season.



Finally, a special thank you to Year 13 students Katie & Ella, who played their final netball match for UCC.

They have made a huge impact on the team over the years & will be a huge miss to us all!

Year 10 County Cup Football Final

First time ever in UCC history!



In an enthralling County Cup Final, the UCC Year 10 football team triumphed with a narrow 5-4 win over West Lakes in a nine-goal thriller. The match was played at an incredibly high tempo, showcasing superb attacking flair, clinical finishing & high-quality football from both sides. 1st Half: UCC dominated from the start, scoring with every attack. Wardle was unstoppable, netting 4 goals within 8 minutes, Sowerby providing 3 assists with some pinpoint passing from midfield. West Lakes struggled to cope but managed to pull a goal back against the run of play and added another just before half-time. Wardle again responded with a stunning strike to restore UCC's

3-goal cushion, ensuring a confident lead at the break. The team's halftime message was clear: maintain intensity, defensive solidity, & possession control, anticipating a fightback from West Lakes. 2nd Half: UCC's midfield trio, Nicholson, Cullen, & Sowerby continued to dictate play with composure & precise passing. Elliot & Nicholson provided width & linked up well with Wardle & Ostle, adding to UCC's attacking threat. Ostle was a constant thorn in the West Lakes defence & despite not scoring his work rate, was instrumental to UCC's dominance in attack. However, fatigue began to set in, prompting fresh legs in the form of Dent in midfield, Scudamore up front, & Donald at full-back, all making a positive impact in regaining possession & offering attacking options. Defensively, Fleming & Elliot led with composure, while Price & McGuinness worked tirelessly to neutralise West Lakes' dangerous striker. Despite this, West Lakes found a way through, scoring from a goalmouth scramble to make it 5-3. UCC goalkeeper Thompson was outstanding, making a crucial save from a free kick & commanding his area well under pressure. As the game neared its conclusion, UCC became nervy under West Lakes' relentless attacks. In the dying moments, they conceded a fourth goal from another goalmouth scramble, setting up a tense finale. However, UCC held firm to secure the victory & lift the County Cup. Special Mention to captain Mills, who led with excellent technique, decision-making & relentless work rate, leading the team through his brilliant performance. Player of the Match went to Sowerby for his creativity & passing accuracy, providing Wardle with countless opportunities & controlling the tempo in midfield. Wardle shared the honour, delivering an outstanding performance with all five UCC goals, proving unplayable throughout the match.

Comments from Mr Key

This victory is a testament to how far this team has come since Year 7. They have worked incredibly hard, showing immense dedication & development to evolve into a superb side. They should be immensely proud of their achievements, having demonstrated teamwork, resilience & exceptional skill throughout the competition.

More than just winners, they have been outstanding ambassadors for the school, setting a benchmark for future teams!

A truly remarkable accomplishment.

Uniformed Protective Services

CSI

Another busy half term for the UPS students and Mr Bellamy!

We had a visit from Cumbria Police Crime Scene Investigators during British Science Week. They talked to us about some serious real life crimes and how they helped to solve them. Students are currently working through the CSI assignments & are almost ready for their practical assessment at the end of May.



Police

We visited Cumbria Police HQ to assist with their Public Order Training. Students learnt a lot about police tactics, whilst also watching some great teamwork and leadership in action. The students favourite part of the day was role-playing i.e. creating chaos to make the training realistic for the Police trainees!

Volunteering

We visited 156 Regiment of the Royal Logistic Corps, in Lancaster for a tour of the barracks, and to learn a little about life in the Army Reserves compared with the Regular Army.

Students also completed teamwork & leadership tasks, learnt how to strip & assemble SA80 rifles, how to operate a General Purpose Machine Gun, and clamber over Army vehicles.



As part of the Volunteering Unit, students spend 4 days volunteering & learning with BaseCamp North Lakes; a growing, young, sustainable business, local to us here at UCC. These amazing students planted in the region of 3000 trees & hedges around the site - after being shown how - in super quick time! Students also conducted some bushcraft, including fire lighting using flint & steel, bow-drill amongst other methods. We even had time to feed the Llamas and Alpacas!



Navigation

Every week, students have been out navigating routes with increasing levels of difficulty. The UPS course requires students to be proficient with map reading, 6 figure grid references, pacing and measuring distances using a compass. This will be put to the test after Easter when the must each plan an 8 mile route & lead the team round!



COMBINED CADET FORCE AT UCC

The best experiences
of your life are waiting



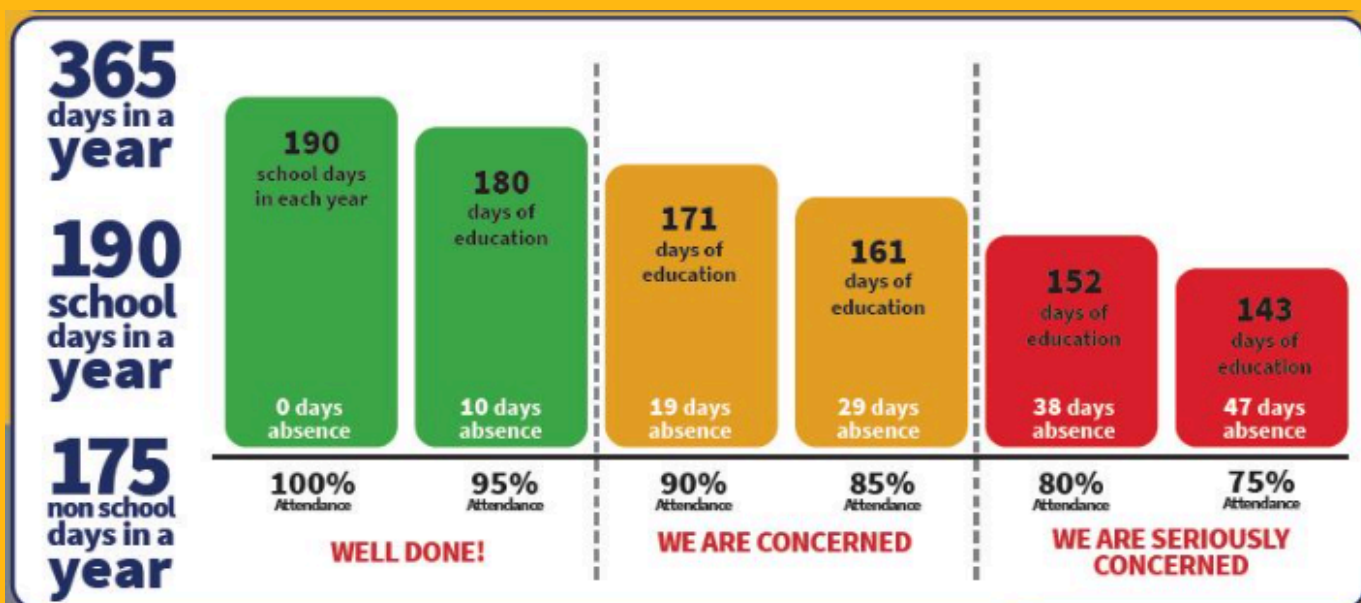
Combined
Cadet Force



Speak to
Mr Bellamy for
information and to join mbellamy@ullswatercc.co.uk



Ullswater Cadet Force launched with an exciting taster session this week! Cadets had the opportunity to explore various Army weapon systems, engage in a Q&A with an Army SNCO, and participate in military drill & teamwork exercises. The training team were really impressed with the cadets' positive attitude & performance & Mr Bellamy extends his sincere thanks to everyone involved in bringing the Cadet Force to fruition after over a year of dedicated background work. Next session...23 April!



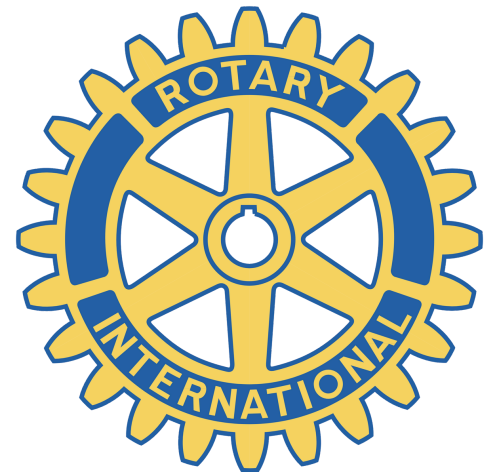
DT Rotary Competition



A group of UCC students took part in a Rotary DT competition in March.

The brief was to design and construct a space shuttle with a capsule that could launch and orbit the earth.

Some fantastic designs and a fantastic day!



UCC Stay And Play!

Join us with your little ones for an afternoon of fun!

1.45 - 2.45pm

To book, email:
lnulty@ullswatercc.co.uk

NEW DATES

Wednesday 23 April
Wednesday 7 May
Wednesday 21 May
Wednesday 11 June
Wednesday 25 June

COMING SOON

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w/c 22/04/25 - Year 10 Mock Exams

Friday 25 April - Lancaster Uni Trip

Thursday 1 May - Year 12 Parents' Evening

Monday 5 May - Bank Holiday Monday

Thursday 8 May - Exam season begins

Monday 12 May - Year 8 HPV Vaccinations

Thursday 15 May - Year 10 Parents' Evening

w/c 26/5/25 - Half Term

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**We are looking forward to welcoming
students back on Tuesday 22 April 2025**



Free school meals and clothing vouchers

When your child or children can claim free school meals and school clothing vouchers, apply for free school meals, what happens in holidays, how to add another child, report a change of address or circumstances and if you're subject to immigration control.

Qualifying 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.

Free school meals are available to statutory school aged children attending full time education.

Full time education means full days from 9am to 3pm, private nurseries and further education colleges are not included.

Qualifying for free school meals and school clothing vouchers

When you can apply

To be eligible for free school meals, your family's annual household income must be no higher than:

- £22,700 for families outside of London with one child
- £26,300 for families outside of London with two or more children

This includes any wider income or support you may be getting and any earnings from employment.

You must also have less than £16,000 in savings, including any shares, investments and bank accounts - but not including your home.

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you receive 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 is 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)
- children who get these benefits paid to them, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also claim free school meals.