

December 2024

### **Class of 2028 Residential: Ullswater, Lake District**

Dear families,

We would like to offer an amazing opportunity for your son / daughter to attend a 2-night, 3-day residential at the Outward Bound Centre, Ullswater, Lake District. The residential will take place in **March 2026**.

At Dixons Newall Green we are committed to developing the character and personal qualities of our students. This residential will encourage them to take risks, see failure as essential for success and develop confidence and resilience. Residential such as these forge friendships and memories that will last a lifetime.

### **Purpose**

The purpose of this residential is to help students live beyond their comfort zone and help them to become more well-rounded young people, destined to make a special contribution to the world we live and share. We hope that this residential will:

- Increase awareness of their own skills and abilities
- Improve confidence and self-belief
- Develop resilience and determination
- Increase knowledge and concern for the natural environment.

### **The Location**

The Outward Bound Centre is set in 18 acres of woodland, at the heart of Wordsworth country. The centre is located on the north shore of the Lake Ullswater in the Lake District, overlooking the picturesque Lakeland fells.

### **Activities**

During your son / daughter's stay at the centre, they will take part in a range of activities that will stretch and challenge them. Some of the activities **might** include:

- The infamous 'jog and dip'
- Ghyll scrambling
- Kayaking and canoeing
- Abseiling
- Visiting the spectacular Aira Force Waterfall
- Climbing a mountain
- Campfire and evening activities

To learn more about the Outward Bound Centre, and the activities that they offer, please visit: [Outdoor Learning | Educational Charity | The Outward Bound Trust](#)

### **Costs**

Prior to sending out this letter, we have successfully applied for charitable funding and subsidies to significantly bring down the cost of the expedition which would normally cost more than £550 per person. With these deductions, we can now offer this expedition at **£200 per person**.

We recognise that this is a significant cost for families and therefore if you would like your child to go on the expedition, but are concerned about the cost, please select the relevant option below so that a tailored plan can be created with you.

It is our intention that every child in Year 7 attends the Ullswater Residential and so we will work with you to make it possible.



### What is included:

The following is included as part of the Year 7 Residential to Ullswater, Lake District.

- Transportation from Dixons Newall Green to and from the Outward Bound Centre, Ullswater, Lake District.
- The expertise of trained guides and instructors throughout the 3 days
- Full day and evening plans, full of activities
- Supervision at all times by Dixons Newall Green staff
- All-inclusive package (lunch not provided on Day 1)
- Accommodation
- All equipment provided to take part in activities
- Fully comprehensive insurance

### Further details

Further details in relation to the itinerary and kit list will appear in a future letter.

In addition, we will notify you of a **pre-trip meeting** at the academy where there will be an opportunity for you to ask any questions that you might have.

### Expression of Interest

If you would like your son / daughter to take part in this residential, please **express your interest** by completing and returning the permission slip below.

**Name of Student:** ..... **Advisory:** .....

I am interested in my child attending the Year 7 Residential in March 2026

Y / N

I am interested in my child attending the Year 7 Residential in March 2026 providing that a tailored payment plan can be made.

Y / N

**Signed:** .....

If you have any questions, queries or concerns regarding the residential, please don't hesitate to contact the academy. We will be more than happy to work with you.

Yours faithfully,

**Mr Ashcroft**  
**Assistant Principal**  
**Dixons Newall Green Academy**

