

February 2026

Dear families

Ullswater Residential 2027

I am delighted to announce that the Year 8 Ullswater Residential will be taking place in January 2027. The Ullswater Residential is an integral part of your child's education at Dixons City Academy. The trip has a successful 34-year history and is compulsory for all Year 8 students. We believe it forms part of the unique experience that we provide. The expectation that every child attends was explained when accepting a place for your child in Year 7 and was shared with families during transition events.

The residential will provide your child with fantastic experiences that will also develop their resilience, communication, and team working skills that will also help them to succeed academically. The residential will take place at Ullswater Outward Bound Centre, Cumbria, situated in the heart of the Lake District, and will run from **Monday 11 January – Friday 15 January 2027**.

Further information about the Ullswater Residential, including the purpose of the trip and the experiences it offers our students, can be found on the academy website using the link below:

<https://www.dixonsca.com/why/ullswater-residential>

The total cost for students will be **£285** which includes:

- Return transport from Dixons City Academy to Ullswater Outward Bound Centre.
- Full board in dorms of 4-8 beds.
- 5 days of outdoor and adventurous activities.
- Hire of all specialist equipment and clothing (including walking boots, waterproofs, fleeces, rucksacks).
- Full insurance cover.

Please make a **non-refundable** deposit of **£50.00** using ParentPay by Friday 27 February 2026 to secure your child's place on the residential. A payment plan has been set up, consisting of 11 instalments, as shown below. Each instalment has a monthly deadline to support families to spread the cost. Alternatively, you can pay the full fee as a one-off payment.

Friday 27 February 2026 (non-refundable deposit payment)	£50.00
Friday 27 March 2026	£23.50
Thursday 30 April 2026	£23.50
Friday 29 May 2026	£23.50
Friday 26 June 2026	£23.50
Friday 31 July 2026	£23.50
Friday 28 August 2026	£23.50
Friday 25 September 2026	£23.50
Friday 30 October 2026	£23.50
Friday 27 November 2026	£23.50
Thursday 31 December 2026	£23.50

Please complete the following form to give permission for your child to attend or by scanning the QR code below:

<https://shorturl.at/IJ2U9>

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours faithfully

Mr C Ignatowski
Head of PE

