UXBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

Dear parent/carer

Visit to Lake District - Year 12

I am writing to inform you about a school visit to the Blencathra Field Study Centre in the Lake District, from Monday, 7th July 2025 to Thursday, 10th July 2025. This four-day residential trip is an essential part of the A level geography assessment and accounts for 20% of the final grade. The extended time away allows students to collect high-quality data, practise advanced geographical fieldwork skills and experience different landscapes first hand.

Beyond the academic benefits, the residential trip supports students' personal development. It encourages independence, teamwork and resilience – key qualities that will support them in sixth form and beyond. Students' will gain confidence in applying classroom knowledge to real world environments improving both their analytical and critical thinking skills.

By attending this trip your child will be better equipped to succeed in A level geography, whilst gaining valuable life skills that will prepare them for further education and future careers.

Students will leave the school at 7.00am on Monday, 7th July 2025 and travel by minibus to and from the Blencathra Field Study Centre, returning to school at 6.30pm on Thursday, 10th July 2025.

If your child suffers from asthma or requires an EpiPen, it is your responsibility to ensure that the appropriate medication is provided for this trip.

The cost of this trip is £365. If you would like your child to participate in this trip, please pay the non-refundable deposit of £150, before Friday 20^{th} June 2025. Please note that by paying the non-refundable deposit, you are agreeing for your child to attend this trip, and all subsequent payments (also non-refundable) must be made by Thursday 10^{th} July 2025.We apologise for the late notice as unfortunately, this was unavoidable. If the deadline of 10^{th} July should pose a problem, please contact the finance team to discuss other instalment options.

As the school no longer accepts cash or cheques, parents are asked to use your Arbor Parent Portal to pay for this trip. If your child receives free school meals and payment should present a problem, please contact the finance team via email to finance@uhs.org.uk.

By consenting to this trip on the Arbor Parent Portal, you agree to:

- Your child taking part in the visit as detailed above;
- A member of staff giving consent for your child to receive appropriate medical treatment in the event of an emergency.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me via email to <u>parents@uhs.org.uk</u>.

Yours sincerely

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