

Dear Parent/Guardian

RE: Outward Bound Residential to Ullswater in the Lake District, 16th – 18th October 2020

We are delighted to invite all students to participate in the Year Two Dixons Sixth Form residential trip to Ullswater in the Lake District from 16-18 October 2020.

The trip builds on the great success of our trip to Liverpool Museum, University and Snowdon during the values residential in Year 1. It demands an increase in both physical and mental challenge and with it, a greater feeling of accomplishment. In addition, there is a strong focus on environmental awareness and protection. The Outward Bound Trust is an educational charity that helps young people defy their limitations through learning and adventures in the wild. We will be staying at the Ullswater Centre in the Lake District. The centre is set in 18 acres of woodland at the heart of Wordsworth country.

During the trip, students will be given the opportunity to participate in a range of exhilarating opportunities such as:

- Kayaking
- Rowing
- Stargazing
- Canoeing
- Rock Scramble
- Overnight Hike
- Wilderness Camp
- Abseiling
- Rock Climbing

As we look ahead to year two, this trip will provide students with fantastic life experience that can form the basis of their personal statements as we endeavour to encourage all students to aim for Russell Group University places or high value work place alternatives. We strongly advise all families to consider the trip carefully because the experience will be a lifelong memory for all students who participate.

Cost

The cost of this trip is £240 per student and can be paid via ParentPay. A £50 deposit via ParentPay will provide consent and secure a place on the trip. Please see below for a full payment schedule:

Payment	Due date
£50 deposit	13 th March
£95	01 st June
£95	13 th July

For students in receipt of a Sixth Form Bursary, please contact Mr McLaughlin to enquire about funding support.

Accommodation

Students will be accommodated in single sex dormitories ranging from 4 – 10 people with shared bathroom and toilet facilities. There will be social areas for students to relax after exciting but exhausting days outside. We are staying at The Outward Bound Trust, Ullswater Centre, Watermillock, Penrith, Cumbria CA11 0JL.



Kit

Students are expected to dress appropriately for this trip. We are spending the majority of the residential outside during October. The weather will be changeable, and students should be prepared for wet conditions. Suitable clothing is imperative. Students are required to wear sensible footwear which includes walking boots/strong trainers with a grip on the sole (not fashionable trainers/shoes). An enrolment and medical form, in addition to a detailed kit list will be provided once the deposit has been paid.

Food

Students will be provided with all meals from dinner on day one to lunch on day three. Students should bring a packed lunch with them for the journey on Friday 16th October. The centre is aware and able to accommodate all religious and dietary requirements.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via my email dheaton@dixons6a.com. Also, please visit the Outward Bound Website to find out more about the amazing experiences offered www.outwardbound.org.uk.

Kind regards

Mr Darren Heaton
Educational Visits Co-ordinator

