



### Class of 2017!

#### Farewell Year 11

Tuesday 27th June was the fitting end to the school careers of Year 11. The day started with the traditional Leavers' Celebration at the Coronation Hall where there was a reminisce of events throughout the students lives and school years, the students were then suitably embarrassed by their Year 7 and current school photographs, The rather disappointing Summer weather did not dampen the furor of shirt signing. In the evening the weather was kinder to us and stayed dry as the students arrived at school, (some by tractor!) prior to our coach journey to Abbey House Hotel to celebrate their Prom. All the students looked amazing! It was a wonderful evening with tricks from the magician, silly photos in the photo booth and treats from the candy buffet. Demi-Leigh and Declan were voted as Prom Queen and King and started the traditional first dance before everyone else took to the dance floor. Well done Year 11 and good luck!



#### Year 13 Leavers Ball



Monday 3rd July was the evening of the Year 13 Leavers Ball at the Low Wood Hotel. A wonderful evening of celebrations, awards and a three course dinner provided a fitting farewell to students completing their A Levels. Students and staff took an opportunity to create even more lasting memories in the photo booth, before heading onto the dance floor to strut their stuff! We wish all of our Year 13 students every success for their exam results and future aspirations as they move into the next phase of life!





## Mr Fay writes....

Once again, this is a brilliant newsletter and I am always delighted by the number of parents that discuss the newsletter with me. Indeed, after my last newsletter piece, I have been receiving comments about homework (both for more and for less) and yesterday at an SLT meeting we discussed the issue and our responses to it.

It has been a great year at UVHS and our students continue to make me very proud in their attitudes to school and to each other. I have recently had the pleasure of interviewing twelve Year 10 students for the roles of Senior Students and what a pleasure that has been for me.

The obvious qualities they possess and their enthusiasm for our school was an inspiration. Indeed parents, I draw so much energy and inspiration from your children, that it enables me to continue to lead the school to be an oasis of holistic education in a troubled national educational landscape.



The Year 10 students told me that they felt that one of the many qualities of their school was the way in which the many new staff over the last few years have settled seamlessly into the school to carry on with the work of the brilliant teachers who have left us. September 2017 will see fifteen new staff joining the school to replace staff who are leaving, and as a result of the growing numbers in the lower school and sixth form.

Sadly, as newcomers arrive, staff who have given great service to the school leave, such as the legendary Mr Reid who has been a teacher here for 32 years and Mr Mitchell whose

contribution to the school is also lengthy and considerable. We offer our bestwishes for the future to both these UVHS stalwarts as we do to Miss Evans, Mrs Hughes, Mrs Birch, Mr Fisher, Mr Henshall, Miss Clapham, Mr Thurlwell, Mrs Bonnett, Miss McKenny, Mrs Milligan, Mrs Woodend, Miss Corteen, Mrs Jackson, Ms McIntosh and Mrs Tennyson.

With best wishes for a lovely summer break.

Mr Fay  
Headteacher



## Lower School Summer Prize Giving

Wednesday 21st June 2017 saw UVHS celebrate the Summer Lower School Prize Giving. The theme for the evening was 'A Challenge for All.'

Students from Years 7 to 10 received prizes for progress and achievement across all subject areas. After the announcement of each year group the audience of parents, carers, staff, governors and special guests of the school were treated to presentations from various groups.

The Sports Ability group told us of their achievements in the Lord Taverner's



Table Cricket National Finals, the local Sea Cadets gave an introduction of what they do and their pride in being awarded the Canada Badge. 'Team Pawsome' part of the Uni Tracks Group showcased their winning Big Deal Presentation for the Big Deal Challenge.



The guest speaker for the evening was Mr Gareth Brunton, Managing Director of Bender UK who also helped UVHS staff present the

Special Awards. Mr Thomas of Orcina who presented the Orcina Awards for Improvements in Science joined them both on stage. Mr Dearden presented Finley from Year 7 the W B Wall's Prize for



Scouting, the first time this award was presented from the newly formed 1st Ulverston Victoria Scout Group. Harry from Year 9 was presented the School Parliamentarian of the Year award by the Mayor of Ulverston, Councillor Paul Smith. Adi from Year 10 was presented the Headteacher's Prize. The proceedings of the evening were rounded off by a vote of thanks from Head Boy, Jacob and Head Girl, Megan.

## Team Pawsome!

You may remember last term we mentioned we were taking part in the Big Deal Competition, a social enterprise based competition, run by Warwick University as part of their UniTrack's programme? We are pleased to announce our Year 10 students, Adi, Amelia, Emillie, Gabby and Milo stormed the competition and actually won! The team were rewarded a £25 amazon gift voucher, portable charger and rucksack each and an all-expenses paid trip to Europe as a group.

Team Pawsome's success did not just stop there. The team unknowingly went on to gain more awards and further recognition for their hard work!

From a potential 17000 projects nationally, our students were nominated for a further award and have been recently announced as Winners of the Mentee Group of the Year for their outstanding teamwork and skills gained during their social enterprise project and throughout the competition, from the Brightside Mentoring Organisation.

Our students were invited to attend a prestigious ceremony in London last week along with a parent each and Miss Steele where they collected their Mentee Group of the Year Award from The Rt.Hon. Hazel Blears. Congratulations Team Pawsome!!!







## Science News

### Salters' Chemistry Festival



The Chemistry Department took Kathryn and Jake from Year 7 along with Robin and Maddy from Year 8 to Lancaster University for the Salters' Chemistry Festival in June. They did really well using all their

Chemistry knowledge and Science methodology they have learned in lessons, to solve a 'forensic problem' and a 'controlling a reaction' problem given to them by the University Chemistry Department. Judges evaluated their work and they came away victorious and won the 'University Challenge' Competition.

They also came away with a molecule building kit each and the school won two large molecule building kits worth £30 each.



### STEM Challenge Day

At the end of the Spring Term, a group of 12 Year 9 students attended the



STEM challenge day at Lancaster University. They split up into teams to represent Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths and competed against other schools from Cumbria and Lancashire. The challenges included building a hologram projection stage, constructing and testing a water powered rocket,

using geometry to create unique measuring techniques and creating a chemical reaction with a specific completion time. The students worked exceptionally hard, applying the skills and knowledge they had



learnt in their subjects at school. It was a great experience to use the facilities and resources at the university and to get a taster of the campus environment.

### Year 12 Biology Field Trip

On 27th, 28th and 30th June, our A level biology classes ventured out to Sandscale Haws (Roanhead) in strong winds and torrential rain to collect data for our latest practical: "Investigation into the effects of a named environmental factor on the distribution of a given species". During this experiment, we used belt transects and quadrats to look



at ecological succession (changing of ecosystems over time) in a variety of species, and certain living and non-living factors that could affect it. In addition, we also measured the light, moisture, pH and temperature at each

interval along the transect (which were every five metres).

In terms of plant life, we found an abundance of Marram Grass, along with Marsh Marigold and Adder's Tongue Spearwort. The concentration



of these species increased greatly the further we moved from the shoreline.

Unfortunately, our trip was cut short due to adverse weather conditions. The excessive rain meant that we were unable to take a tour of the area, and so we only stayed long

enough to carry out the practical. However, this did not dampen our spirits, as we ploughed through our investigation whilst remaining in high spirits.

Caitlin and Helena Year 12 biologists.

### Chemistry Masterclass



A day at Lancaster University gave Year 13 students the opportunity to tour the Chemistry department and then complete a lab-based activity with Alka Seltzer tablets. Students first isolated and then purified a product from the tablets. From here, students used the University's state-of-the-art analytical instruments to perform various tests to identify their product and any impurities. These tests included the spectroscopic techniques of infrared and nuclear magnetic resonance and chromatography.

Students worked in teams and gained

valuable practical chemistry skills whilst improving their analytical abilities by putting into practice what they had learnt at school. At the end of the day students gave presentations to explain what they had learnt during the day.







## Sports Round Up!

**It has been another exceptional year on the sporting field this year, with success at Town, District, County and Regional level.**

### Year 7 Netball

At UVHS, we have over 60 Year 7 and Year 8 girls playing netball every week! This commitment from the girls has led to us having a fantastic season.

Our Year 7 netball team were crowned "Barrow Schools Champions" on Tuesday 4th April, after beating St Bernards 6-2 in the final. They have not lost a single game this academic year! 12th July will see the team will be playing in the County Finals at Carlisle. Well done to all our girls!



### U13 Girls Football

Ulverston Victoria High School have been victorious in the U13 girls football County Cup after defeating St Benedict's School of Whitehaven by 4 goals to 1. This is the first time a female football team from UVHS have won this trophy in this U13 age group since the competition began back in 1998 and the last time a female team from UVHS won the County Cup was the U16 team in 1996. Therefore, the girls have created their own little piece of history and I strongly believe that girls' football at UVHS could go from strength to strength, given the amount of interest and enthusiasm there is across the age groups.



The success of the team throughout this season has not just been down

to the potent goal scorers, but our goal keeper and defensive line are very difficult for any team to surpass. Elle in goal is agile, athletic and very brave in a one on one situation.

All in all, a wonderful performance and their best football was saved for the

final, except for the first five

minutes! Goals were scored by Islay, Alicia and two from goal machine Molly. The girls play football twice per week, on a Monday and Friday, with over 30 girls attending Friday and often up to 20 on a Monday. We have players from all age groups and new players of varying experience are coming along to play all of the time.

The girls have trained in the rain, wind, mud and on one occasion sleet and hail stones. It is their commitment and the depth of talent at UVHS now with girls' football that has contributed to this victory.

### Summer Athletics

UVHS athletes have been very successful again this year. Competing in numerous events at both a local and regional level. Attendance at Athletics Club has continued to be good and this is definitely having a positive effect on our results. We have had over 100 pupils competing from Years 7 – 10, with success across the board. In the English Schools Track and Field cup, we won locally in all four groups, JB, JG, IB and IG meaning that all teams were selected to represent the Furness Area at Stanley Park Athletics track in Blackpool. On the day the JG finished highest, 4th out of ten schools, a great team effort. There were also some fantastic individual results with Will winning the 100m and George winning the 200m (both Year 10). We also had 28 students selected to represent Furness Schools in the County Championships, again with some great results again including Will becoming County 100m champion. In the Year 7 Furness Schools Championships, we had phenomenal results in the girls competition, winning EVERY event, including three events where we finished 1st and 2nd! The boys also managed 2 wins and a couple of second places. Well done to all involved.



### Cross Country Relays

We have had some amazing successes in Cross-Country this year and to finish an amazing season, the girls teams were crowned Barrow Schools Champions in the Cross Country Relays and the boys were beaten on the line, finishing second place. Well done to all of the competitors.



### 2017 Cricket Report

The typical English Summer weather and other schools not having specific age group teams has really hindered our outdoor hardball cricket this year. UVHS entered teams into the four County knockout age group competitions this year with mixed results. Our U12's were unlucky getting beaten in the 2nd round by Dowdales. Scores tied after an excellent game, Dowdales advanced as they had lost less wickets than we had. Our Year 7 team played in the Barrow Schools Eight a side round robin competition beating Walney and Furness Academy, before losing to eventual winners Chetwynde by five runs.

Our U13's had a good win against Walney in Round 1, only to lose the 2nd round to Dallam on the toss of a coin due to wet weather and having to get a result, due to the played by date rule.

Our U14's are developing into a good team beating Furness Academy easily in Round 1. We played and beat Chetwynde quite comfortably in Round 2 before playing and beating Dowdales in Round 3 with an excellent team effort. Keswick School were our opposition in the U14 County Semi-Final, and like our U15 team were unfortunately no match for a very strong and enthusiastic Keswick. A Semi-Final appearance for this UVHS team was an excellent effort and they can try to go one- step further next year.



Our U15 team (pictured) were trying to become County Champions 3 years out of 4 and playing their final year of school cricket received a forfeit in Round 1 before beating Chetwynde in Round 2. We then played a very committed Walney School team in Round 3 beating them by 4 runs in a very close affair. In our Semi-Final 20/20 game we played Ullswater School, Penrith beating them convincingly, but fell short to Keswick school in the final. I would like to praise our Year 10 pupils who have brought so much cricketing success to UVHS. U12 County Champions in Year 7, U13 County Champions in Yr 8, Quarter finalist in Year 9 losing to eventual winners Millom and U15 County Runners up in Year 10. Thank you for sticking together and bringing so much cricket success (indoors and outdoors) to UVHS.





## Orienteering

### Orienteers in Sicily



In April UVHS England team members Alice, Ellie, Jess, Lucy, Merryn, Anna, Catherine, Daisy, Fiona, Megan, Stewart and Harry travelled to sunny Palermo, Sicily to compete at the World Schools Orienteering Championships. We ran two individual (middle and long) races in the dense, technical Sicilian forest, and an urban 'friendship relay' where each athlete teamed up with two other nationalities around the ancient city streets of Palermo (anyone know the Mandarin or Portuguese for knoll?).

UVHS produced some outstanding results including individual Gold and Silver for Merryn and an overall Silver for the junior girls. When we weren't running there was time to meet athletes from all over the world, learn new games and dance moves, then as part of the cultural evening the team cracked out their sticks and bells to perform a Morris dance. We had no end of fun practising for this, led by the legendary Miss Evans. A highlight for Daisy – a close second to leaving the forest on crutches – was carrying the (wrong) flag in the opening ceremony procession, pursued by the Scots with bagpipes. We all enjoyed the experience, Sicily is a truly wonderful part of Italy to get lost in!

"We are incredibly grateful to all our local sponsors and supporters for this amazing opportunity and to the England Team and Ulverston Orienteering Club coaches for their brilliant work in getting us there." - Harry

### Cumbria Schools Orienteering Championships

On a very hot afternoon in June, 43 UVHS orienteers competed in the annual and very long standing Cumbria Schools Orienteering Championships held, this year, at Cartmel Race Course. We returned with 18 medal winners, 5 county champions & jointly shared the overall title, and cup, with Cockermouth School which means that UVHS have now been County Champions for the 20th year in succession.



Throughout the term and for various year groups Miss Herrington has arranged visitors to come into school to present assemblies and talks.

### Vic Medics Army Visit

The Vic Medics lunchtime group arranged a visit from the army. "Having received a place to study medicine, the chance to speak to medical professionals from the Army offered me a valuable insight into possible future career paths. As the medics club is aimed at everyone interested in a medical career, I found out a lot about other roles as well as those that require a university degree. There are opportunities to enter the army in a medical role after any stage of education, such as a Combat Medical Technician after GCSEs, or Operating Dept Practitioner, requiring A-levels. I also learned of the support the army offers throughout university degrees; student nurses and

medicine students can both apply for sponsorship from the army, which provides financial support and covers tuition fees in return for a few years of service in a guaranteed job. Applying for this is definitely something I will consider next year" - Sixth Form Student

### Maths Careers are of Extreme Value!

As employability increasingly becomes embedded into the UVHS curriculum, we held the first of our 'Careers in the Curriculum' assemblies earlier this term. Ms Hirst, Subject Leader for Maths invited a professional statistician Dr Jan Heffernan to deliver a cross-curricular Maths and Employability based assembly to our Year 10 students. Jan Heffernan is an internationally renowned expert in extreme value theory, the area of mathematics used to understand probabilities of very rare events (e.g. events that occur only once every 1000 or 10000 years). She talked about her experience as an expert witness in the High Court Investigation into the sinking of the largest ever UK ship lost at sea, and how her work has been used in clinical trials and now to save lives. Jan thanked UVHS for inviting her into school. She said, 'Your students are very attentive and impeccably behaved. It has been a pleasure to be invited into school to speak about my role as a mathematician.' Year 10 student, Katie, found the assembly very interesting and said 'I learnt that you can use data to help people. Maths is not just about drawing graphs'.



### Siemens Assess Our Students

Earlier this term six of our students assisted local company Siemens subsea who provide world leading design, development and manufacture of subsea connectors, with the development of their new Assessment Centre tasks. The purpose of the tasks, was to identify how well future applicants to their apprenticeship scheme, present themselves in a variety of work related scenarios.

Year 10 student Lucy, described the tasks as enjoyable and interesting but also challenging at times. Third year apprentice, Aimee Falconer who has led the new Siemens standardised assessment tasks said, 'Thank you for allowing us to come into school and trial our new developments. It's really helped with the innovation and redesign of the Siemens selection process. It's been really helpful trialling this age group who are our future target audience.'

### Visit to Kimberly Clark

We would like to thank the Furness Education Business and Enterprise Project who kindly funded our Year 10 visit to Kimberly Clark. This cross-curricular visit supported the school's Employability and Technology curriculum.

Year 10 student, Amelia, said, 'On our visit to Kimberly Clark, I was extremely impressed, both with the amazingly comprehensive tour and the work that we found out actually goes into making their products behind the scenes. The tour itself was very interesting and informative and the information given to us afterwards regarding apprenticeships and opportunities at Kimberly Clark was very useful for lots of us, as we have never received much information about Kimberly Clark before. We all found it really enjoyable and entertaining as it was all very relevant to the subjects we've taken - a handy addition to the work we're doing at school towards employability







## UVHS Wind Band with Royal Marines

We have been very privileged, in fact for the ninth time, for The Band of Her Majesty's Royal Marines to join the UVHS Wind Band in May for an evening of music and entertainment.



Playing to a very hot and packed house, the UVHS Wind Band opened the proceedings with The Blues Brothers Revue and saw the debut of the new tuba, very generously bought for us by Phoenix Business Centre and Stollers Furniture World and played by Francis Year 11. Also joining the band on stage were two former UVHS students, Musician Jodie Giles (oboe) and Sergeant Andy Spain (sax). Our cornet soloists David (Year 12) and Anna (Year 13) then took centre stage, giving a fantastic duet performance (accompanied by the band) of Mr Butler's arrangement of She's Out Of My Life. The band were later joined on stage by Royal Marine Musician, and ex UVHS pupil, Ruth Wardle (who is now the principal violinist for the Marines Band Service), who played solo with the Wind Band performing the very moving violin solo, Schindler's List.



After a quick change around, the Royal Marines took the limelight to showcase their amazing talents. Her Majesty's Band were joined front of stage by the world-famous Corps of Drums to dazzle us with their legendary skills. Ex pupils, Sergeant Musicians Andy Spain (sax) and Musician Robert Norrie (trumpet) also gave phenomenal solo performances, emphasizing why the Marines are the best Concert Band in the world. The final third of the evening saw the senior members of the UVHS Wind Band join the Royal Marines on stage under the baton of Captain Matt Weites, a great opportunity and experience for our students. The music ranged from traditional military themes to the music of the film How to Train Your Dragon, Bach's Toccata and the jazz spectacle Sing, Sing, Sing. The highlight of the combined band, however, was the joint drum feature, where our

very own Percussion Ensemble gave the Marines Corps of Drums a run for their money in a 'drum-off'. The evening was a great success and we hope to be able to welcome back the Royal Marines in the near future.

## Chess Club

What do Arnold Schwarzenegger, Mesut Özil, Will Smith, Roger Federer, Anna Kournikova and Mr Mach have in common? They play CHESS!



Chess club is becoming more and more popular at UVHS and it has seen more than 50 different pupils and staff come through its doors. Chess is a very inclusive extra-curricular activity and results in better brain function; improved memory, cognitive abilities, strategic thinking and attention improvement. Members of chess club at UVHS, range from Y7 to Y13 plus the odd member of staff too.

The annual chess tournament saw 32 competitors fight for their name on the prestigious UVHS Chess Trophy. With favourites, Keenan and Alex (Year 13) knocked out in the semi-finals, the final between Vincent and Diego (Year 12) was extremely close with Diego narrowly winning. If you would like to be like Arnold Schwarzenegger, Mesut Özil, Will Smith, Roger Federer, Anna Kournikova or Mr Mach, play CHESS!



## Numeracy Puzzles

The Numeracy puzzle competition has been increasing in popularity this year and here are couple of the Mr Mach's favourite puzzles for you to try over Summer.

### NUMERACY PUZZLE 1

Miss Monigatti loves Pokémon. She caught 1050 in four nights. Each night she caught 25 more than the night before.

How many Pokémon did Miss Monigatti catch on the first night?



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Answer: 225

### NUMERACY PUZZLE 2

Try and find the values of the shapes by using the clues.

$$\text{Orange Circle} + \text{Orange Triangle} = 8$$

$$\text{Orange Circle} - \text{Orange Triangle} = 4$$

$$\text{Orange Star} + \text{Orange Square} = 12$$

$$\text{Orange Star} - \text{Orange Square} = \text{Orange Square}$$

$$\text{Orange Square} + \text{Orange Square} = \text{Orange Star}$$

$$\text{Orange Star} =$$

$$\text{Orange Circle} =$$

$$\text{Orange Square} =$$

$$\text{Orange Triangle} =$$



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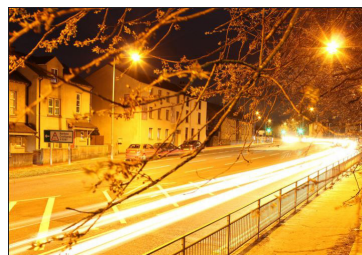
Answer: 8,6,4,2





## Photography Club

Following on from last term's competition the Summer term theme is 'Best Shot of the Year' please enjoy a few of the entries.



## News From Humanities

### Geography Field Trips

This year has been a busy one for the Geography Department as fieldwork has become a large part of both the new GCSE and A Level courses. However, we like to start them early at UVHS and so the annual Year 8 Ambleside field trip took place towards the end of June. Following on from lessons in the classroom about glaciation, Year 8 pupils were able to show off their knowledge by pointing out glacial features in the Lake District National Park.



Whilst in Ambleside town, pupils gathered lots of data on environmental quality and land use at different sites, further developing their enquiry skills and geographical knowledge.

The GCSE Geographers were made to brave colder temperatures on their field trip which took place shortly after the Easter break. Two locations were visited by over 100 Year 10 pupils - Sedbergh to complete a rivers study on Settlebeck Gill and Lancaster to complete an urban study. Year 10 carried out a variety of tasks in order to collect their data, from river cross sections and measuring average velocity to asking members of the public questions from their questionnaires. They will now focus on presenting their data and evaluating their experience.



Finally, our A Level Geographers have just returned from their residential field trip. Having each come up with an independent investigation question, the decision was made to visit the Peak District National Park (Hope, Castleton and Hathersage), where pupils (and staff!) bravely camped, followed by a visit to Manchester and Salford Quays with a more comfortable stop over at the Manchester YHA. A variety of data collection techniques were adopted by our Year 12s, from sediment analysis in the river to measuring average decibels in Salford Quays. They will now

be working on writing up their fieldwork in a 5,000 word report that contributes to their final A Level mark.

## History

Year 9 have been privileged this year to be asked to be a part of the Alfred Huberman writing award. This is a new writing award for young writers, which is designed to encourage young people to share the lessons that they have learnt from studying the Holocaust. The award was created in 2016 to honour the memory of Alfred Huberman, a survivor of the Holocaust and to ensure that the lessons of the Holocaust will never be forgotten.

Pupils were given the task of creating a piece of writing that shares with others what they have learnt from our time studying the Holocaust and from the visit of the Holocaust survivor Zigi Shipper. They were asked to consider the need for tolerance, understanding, compassion and the ability of people to overcome cruelty and hardship.

If you would like to learn more about the life of Alfred Huberman you can visit <http://alfredhuberman.com/>

We were very impressed with the standard of entries and here are a couple of our favourites.

### Alfie - 9.7

Father man, Take me be the hand. Lead me to the land, that you understand.

Father man, Can you see, Through the horror and amazement, of the Nazi's land.

Father man, 'cross the frozen waste-land, the Nazis stand tall and grand. I'm sure you'll understand

Father man, Take me by the hand. Lead me to the land, That you understand.

Father man, The general has marched, arrived at our home, marching us away from our land

Father man, The warmth of your hand Taking me away to the land on the general's command

Father man, Take me by the hand. Lead me to the land, That you understand.

Father man, Gone is the warmth of your hand In the frozen land Not sure you understand

Father man, Bodies on the floor all around me. my lungs screaming, I drop to the ground.

Father man, now I am deceased. Left alone by the cruelty, Of Nazi command

Father man, You never took my hand. Or led me to the land, You would never understand,

### Sophie 9.2

Never forget the pain,  
as we were thrown into the fire.  
Never forget the serenity,  
saved with barbed wire.

Never forget how we disappeared,  
left without a trace.  
Never forget all the hate, the fear  
that little frozen on his face.

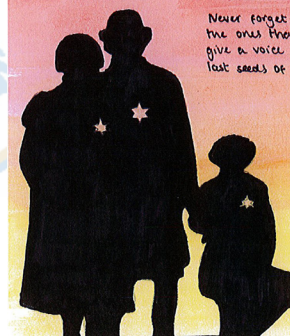
Never forget the blind-eye turned  
whilst screams rang through the night.  
How many lives must crash, must burn,  
before we end this fight?

Never forget the hatred  
but why must we feel this way?  
a long long road of suffering  
society in decay.

Never forget their futures,  
the ones that were taken for granted  
give a voice to their final cries,  
lost seeds of hope being planted.

So...

REMEMBER them in everyday,  
REMEMBER them and wait.  
Stop for a minute and think to yourself  
we need LOVE not all this HATE.



## Top of the Form 2017!

This annual competition, run by graduate trainees from BAE systems, is based on the (very) old TV quiz show of the same name. The focus is science, technology and maths with a mixture of questions testing general knowledge and problem solving, finishing with a practical task. Year 10 and 11 students from local schools compete over three rounds. Our first match was against St. Bernard's. It was an exciting quiz with the scores close up to the practical task, which involved designing a system to lift a mass using hydraulics. We excelled at this and were easy winners at the end. Unfortunately we were not so successful in the semi-final, this time losing out to the eventual winners Chetwynde. It's now a few years since our last appearance in the final so we'll be back next year more determined than ever to get the trophy to UVHS. We'd like to take this opportunity to thank Amelia and Adi (both Year 10) Polly, Harry and William (all Year 11) for representing the school at the events.





## UVHS Extends a Warm Welcome to New Staff!

### Mrs Green : Deputy Head of Mathematics



My name is Mrs Green and I am delighted to be joining UVHS in September. I was so impressed when I visited in February and I knew within a few minutes that this is a great school and wanted to be a part of it. I am originally from Stirling in Scotland, but lived in the Furness area for 2 years while I took my A Levels at Barrow Sixth Form. After completing my degree in Pure Maths and Music at Cardiff University, I joined the British Army as a Musician. I spent 5 years with The Band and Bugles of The Rifles in Winchester, which was a job full of exciting and varied experiences. I really enjoyed visiting schools and working with young people so I decided to leave the Army to train as a Maths teacher, and I have thoroughly enjoyed the six years I have spent at my current school in Surrey. Outside of school, I enjoy playing saxophone, walking my two dogs, yoga and knitting and am keen to spend time exploring the Lake District. I hope you have a good Summer break and I look forward to meeting you all in September.

### Mrs Wilkinson : Teacher of Sociology and BPE

I am really looking forward to starting my role at UVHS teaching Sociology and BPE in September. I have been living in North Wales for the last few years teaching outdoor education. I did my degree in North Wales and have been doing my PGCE in Religion, Philosophy and Ethics this year with the West Lakes Teaching Alliance. It is lovely to come back home to Cumbria and get a job at such a busy and exciting school. In my spare time I like to travel, especially if it involves visiting different cultures or climbing and exploring in the mountains! I am excited to join the school after the summer and teach the brilliant subjects of



BPE and Sociology.

### Mr Biasone : Teacher of Computing and ICT



I'm Mr Biasone, 10 years as a secondary school teacher; I've taught ICT, Computing and Chemistry at Queen Elizabeth School in Kirkby Lonsdale and am delighted to be joining Ulverston Victoria in the new academic year. Originally from Lancashire I moved up from university in Sheffield to Cumbria in 2003 and began teaching in 2007 after completing my PGCE at St Martin's in Lancaster.

I enjoy all things science, electronics and engineering; hiking, cycling and photography. I'm very much looking forward to joining the Ulverston community and to advancing my teaching career at UVHS. I'm looking forward to working with you all, see you in September!

### Miss Whitehouse : Teacher of History and BPE



I am really looking forward to joining the Humanities department at UVHS in September. I graduated with a degree in Theology from Oxford before moving to Paris for three years to work as a language assistant in a secondary school. Whilst out there I studied for a Masters in Sociology, Anthropology and History of Religion, before moving to back to the UK to complete my PGCE. I'm excited about the chance of teaching both History and BPE since there is so much common ground between the two subjects, both being fertile for discussion and debate! I have recently moved to the South Lakes and love the calmer pace of life up here, and the fact that I can take my

bike out for long rides in the surrounding countryside. I am excited to become part of the UVHS community in September.

### Mr Rogers : Teacher of Computing and ICT

I am very excited to be joining the Computing and ICT department at UVHS full-time in September. Although you may see me around school for the last two weeks before the summer holidays. I was raised, across the bay, in Morecambe and studied Information Systems at Manchester Metropolitan University. After I graduated, I began my career in industry and spent 10 years working for BAE Systems, 3 of which were at the shipyard in Barrow-In-Furness. In 2015 my career took a new direction as I began the teacher training programme. After receiving a scholarship from the British Computing Society, I graduated with a PGCE from the University of Cumbria and qualified in 2016. I enjoy, computing (obviously) and I will be looking to get you all interested and excited by the subject. I also enjoy football, music and spending time with my young family.



### Miss Biggins : Teacher of Mathematics

I am delighted to be joining the UVHS maths department in September.

I always wanted to be a teacher and realised early on that my passion was maths. After studying Maths, Further Maths and Chemistry during my A levels I earned a place at the University of Liverpool to study Mathematics and Statistics. Following my graduation in 2014 I moved back to the local area and completed my PGCE at the University of Cumbria. I enjoy spending my free time walking in the Lake District and doing a range of crafts from sewing to crochet and needle felting. One of the things that I love about UVHS is the huge range of extra-curricular activities on offer to students and I can't wait to get involved. Every time I have visited UVHS I have thoroughly enjoyed working with both the staff and the students, and I am extremely excited to see what the new school year will bring.



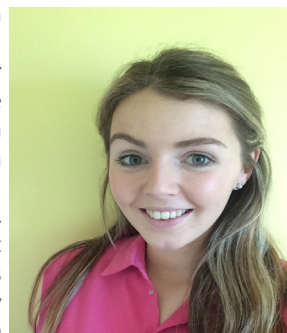
### Dr Holden : Teacher of Science

My name is Dr Holden and I am delighted to be joining UVHS in September. I did my undergraduate degree in Biological Sciences at Lancaster University before going to work for a medical devices company who specialised in prosthetics and joint replacements for several years. Following this I returned to Lancaster University to study for a PhD in Biomedical and Life Sciences. My research focused on the signalling that takes place in cells after DNA damage. I am looking forward to sharing my experiences with the students at UVHS and encouraging the students to pursue exciting careers in STEM. In my free time I enjoy walking and camping, and have recently completed the Coast to Coast walk. I love to travel and visit new places and am currently planning an exciting trip to Japan. I look forward to meeting you all in September.



### Miss Bosson : Teacher of Geography

I am delighted to be joining UVHS in September as a Teacher of Geography. I graduated from the University of Chester with a 1st class degree in 2016, and have since completed my PGCE with South Cumbria SCITT in two excellent schools. As a local to the area, I am thrilled to start work in such a highly regarded and inclusive school. Geography is a fantastic and diverse topic which is never more relevant than in today's changing climate and I am keen to share my passion for the subject with you. In my spare time I enjoy playing tennis and love to travel.



I look forward to meeting and getting to know you all in September.





## UVHS Extends a Warm Welcome to New Staff!

### Mrs Huddleston : Teacher of Science



My name is Mrs Huddleston and I will be joining the Science department at UVHS in September. I knew that teaching was the career for me from an early age, as I have always loved learning and the school environment. I studied Biology, Chemistry and Geology at A-Level before completing a degree in Biochemistry at the University of Manchester. I have taught Science at St. Bernard's School for 11 years and I am thoroughly looking forward to continuing my teaching career at UVHS. The school has a fantastic atmosphere and I can't wait to meet you all. Outside of the classroom my main interests are nature and the outdoors. I

enjoy walking, cycling, camping and horse riding. I also love reading and I'm always on the lookout for a good book!

### Mrs Adams : Teacher of Modern Foreign Languages



After 23 years of modern foreign language teaching and leadership, staff development and a keen involvement in teacher training in the local area, I am very much looking forward to returning to the dedicated MFL team with whom I have had the pleasure of supporting over a number of years and to the school where I in fact first started my teaching career. Apart from my passion for languages and language learning, I love fell walking with the family and our dogs, family ski holidays, attending music and food festivals at weekends and relaxing whenever possible in our holiday home in Brittany.

### Mr Lee : Teacher of Design Technology



Hello! I'm Mr Lee and I am excited to be joining the Design and Technology department in September. My first degree is a BA (Hons) Design for Industry which I completed at Northumbria University in 2009. I have worked as a Product Designer for an in-house plastics design and manufacturer in China and have spent the last few years teaching English as a foreign language in Hong Kong. This experience and love of education inspired me to travel back home to the UK and study for a PGCE to teach Design and Technology, which I completed at Sunderland University. I am an avid mountain biker, hiker and traveller

and am very much looking forward to joining the community at UVHS and taking time to explore Ulverston and its beautiful surroundings. See you all in September!

### Miss Bird : Head of Girls' PE

My name is Miss Bird and I am excited to be joining the school as Head of

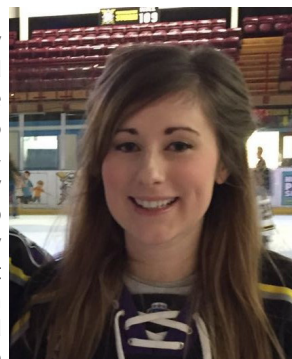


Girls PE. For the past five years I have been teaching both Dance and Physical Education at Heysham High School and now cannot wait to be working with all the wonderful staff and pupils at Ulverston Victoria High School. As well as the academic aspects of the school, I am a huge supporter and participant in extra-curricular endeavours. I hope to contribute as much of my own experience as possible, building relationships with pupils and supporting them to achieve even greater things! I love teaching sport, and in my own time, I run a netball team along with a dance school. I am looking forward to learning

new things from the pupils at UVHS and meeting you all in September.

### Miss Walmsley : Teacher of Design Technology

Hi, my name is Miss Walmsley, and I will be joining your design and technology department in September. I am very excited to meet you and get to know you all. I have been teaching design and technology for 6 years since graduating with a Graphics Degree, and enjoy every minute of it. I enjoy seeing my pupils achieve and very much look forward to sharing in some of your success. I currently live in Bolton, the town where I was born, but will be moving to Ulverston in the Summer. I'm excited about getting to know Ulverston and having adventures in the Lakes. I like a diverse range of sports and whilst I currently enjoy spending my weekends at the ice rink, practicing my figure skating, I have also trained as a Second-Dan black belt in Wado Ryu Karate and I am a huge ice hockey fan!



### Miss Sharples : Teacher of Sociology and Psychology

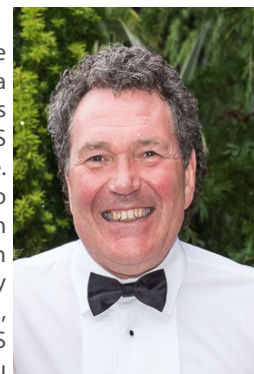
Hello My name is Miss Sharples and although I am originally from Lancashire, my heart has always been in Cumbria since I was a young girl and it is always the place I head for when I need to relax and where I feel most content. I am exceptionally lucky and very much looking forward to starting my new teaching position from September at UVHS. My passion and enthusiasm for psychology and sociology came from my time spent at Liverpool Hope University from which I graduated with a first-class BA honours degree before moving on to complete my PGCE. Sociology helps you to challenge taken for granted assumptions and enables you to see life from different perspectives whilst teaching psychology also means that you learn to appreciate the overlap between both the natural and social sciences. I teach as I find it, especially across the 6th form, an incredibly rewarding job and to know that you have supported young people in achieving to their fullest potential is undoubtedly one of the best feelings in the world. Having been to visit UVHS on a couple of occasions, I have already found it to be a very welcoming and warm place and look forward to the year ahead. In my spare time, I walk my German Shepherd dog, Murphy, who is a big softy and I also have a passion for fast cars and motorbikes. Finally, I would like to wish everyone who will be new to the school the very best of luck and look forward to seeing you all. Thank you.



## Staff Farewell

### Mr Reid

The smiling photograph reflects the atmosphere at last weeks Year 11 Prom where everyone had a great time. Behind the smile is a little sadness as this would be my last time. After 32 years at UVHS I have decided to take a sideways step and retire. I cannot believe where that time gone! What I do know is that I have been privileged to work with many fantastic colleagues, students and parents in my time at UVHS. The school has changed in many ways over the years but at its core is the dedication, hard work and loyalty of all the staff that make UVHS a fine place to be and the envy of others. Thank you and good luck.



### Miss Clapham

I would like to thank all the students, parents and fellow colleagues for making the last 4 years at UVHS fabulous! I will never forget my time here in Ulverston and have made many memories that will be with me forever. I wish everyone the very best for the future and I promise to keep in touch!







## Duke of Edinburgh

### Bronze Award

This year has seen 25 of our Y10 students working towards their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award since November. This has included weekly training meetings while also attending activities towards their physical, skill and volunteering sections.

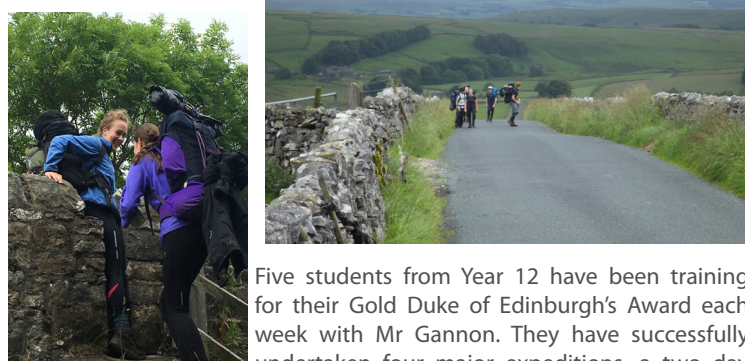
During their practice Expedition on the Cumbria Way participants experienced the hottest DoFE weekend so far with morning temperatures getting to 26° before they even packed away their tents! So hot that the factor 50 needed to be constantly applied and a lovely Broughton Beck resident kindly filled up water bottles as the groups drank so much! Despite this all groups remained in good spirits and were excellent representatives for our school following the countryside code at all times. They earned their ice-creams on their return to school!

Participants have also planned and navigated their assessed expedition from Troutbeck to Torver which involved working in groups to choose a suitable route and work out the distance and timings for each leg of their journey. Groups worked hard to complete the expedition (while carrying full expedition kit) in good time, they cooked their own food from planned menus and organised their kit, tents and water intake.

A huge well done to all involved but please remember to update and complete your DoFE accounts over the summer to complete your award! We hope to welcome some of you back for the gold award in the 6th Form.



### Gold Award



Five students from Year 12 have been training for their Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award each week with Mr Gannon. They have successfully undertaken four major expeditions, a two day Lakes, a four days Lakes, a four day Yorkshire (the students walked around 90km which was an amazing achievement and excellent training for their assessment) and the four day qualifying expedition to the Cairngorms. In all expeditions they had to carry all the kit they needed to the trip, which required good physical fitness and planning. They had to plan routes and navigate their way, in sometimes inclement weather. They all showed good leadership qualities and the tenacity to keep going to reach their aims. A good metaphor for life. Well done to Year 12.



## News from Townlands

### Circles

Circles after school club have enjoyed another fun filled year, strengthening friendships and life skills. Our members have changed as we have welcomed new year sevens and will soon be saying goodbye to the year elevens. We have cooked everything from penguin shaped bread to Christmas treats and sushi. The team have also baked cakes and flapjack to raise funds for the Sports Ability tabletop cricket team's trip to London.

Circles members have swam at Dalton pool, relaxed in yoga sessions, made gifts and crafts, enjoyed drinks and snacks at Ford Park café and Costa Coffee. One of the most memorable sessions was a talk from our very own Mrs Smith from Townlands about her time living in Japan. We learnt about the food and culture, basic counting to ten, Japanese traditions and got to try on her beautifully colourful kimono.



We watched our Townland school leaver friends as they arrived in all their glamour for the school prom and wish them all the very best for their next challenge at college and beyond. Circles will once again finish for the school year with a one night residential on the shores of Lake Windermere at Tower Wood for another fun fuelled visit. Last year our student's pond dipped canoed, enjoyed archery and a whole host of campfire games so it is something of a highlight. We will continue to encourage friendships and teamwork in true school spirit.

### Sports Ability – Table Cricket



After qualifying at the county and regional Competitions on 9th June 2017 a team of 8 students travelled to London to participate in the 19th Lord Taverne's Table Cricket National Finals. The event hosted at the Nursery Pavilion at Lord's Cricket

Ground the home of cricket. Ella (captain), Harvey, Alfie, Daniel (all Year 9) Owen, Michael (both Year 8) Erin and Daniel (both Year 7) engaged in a tournament with 8 regional teams. Table Cricket is a game that not only



gives opportunities for competitive play and social integrations, it also improves life-skills including self-confidence, independence and social skills. An enhanced role for the captain also allows for the development of leadership skills. Team UVHS won all 4 tournament games to secure their

place in the Finals. A closely fought and competitive game followed against Wilson Stuart School from the West Midlands who defended a total of 258 runs. UVHS achieved Silver medal position with a total of 248 runs. The students thoroughly enjoyed their experience there were smiles from start to finish and fun was had by all.







## Technology Department Round Up

### Prize Giving

Even the threat of rain on a very hot and humid night couldn't stop the Year 10 Food Preparation & Nutrition students from helping deliver fantastic refreshments at the Lower School Prize Giving in June.

Look at these amazing Lemon Possets made by Emily, Thomas, Izzy and Tilly - full of summery zing! The caprese



watermelon skewers were colourful and refreshing, and were made as a batch production task by Rhys, Amy, Ethan, Niamh, Bradley, Jamie, Paris, Eleanor and Becca.

On the night we were delighted to be supported by Jordan, Lucy and Holly who served these delicious

canapés and also kept everyone cool with a summer fruit sangria.

Thank you to Mr Hall and Mrs Brooks for helping organise the event, and Miss Dixon, Miss Lamph, Mrs Coates and Mrs Hillman for helping on the night; a fantastic Art and DT team effort as always.

### Cooking Club

Cooking club has continued to be successful as it rolls into its 20th week. Members have continued to impress with their practical knowledge and expertise making a vast array of dishes all themed around a weekly brief which looked at countries like Spain, France and Greece, as well as cooking techniques and seasonal produce.

Recently, members entered the Get Set to Eat Fresh Young Chef Challenge where guest chef Richard Booth from Lakeside judged the winning dishes alongside Mr Hall. The two winning dishes were mushroom risotto and Mediterranean chicken with lemon couscous.

Thank you to Chef Richard for coming into school, we look forward to seeing you again soon! Also thanks to Lucy, Alfie, Chloe and Eden for all their help.

### Celebrating Another Year of Technology Success

**This year's GCSE students have excelled in their practical work with excellent outcomes from all specialist areas.**

#### Product Design

Year 11 Product Design pupils worked exceptionally hard on their controlled assessment practical work with many spending time in the workshops afterschool and in the Easter holidays. They have produced an excellent set of docking stations to date demonstrating a range of high level practical skills using wood, plastics, electronics and metals. All products are functional with integrated phone docks, hand turned volume dials and a design movement theme to fit the exam boards brief. They have been a pleasure to teach and we wish them all the best for the future and look forward to welcoming some of them back for A-Level Product Design!

#### Resistant Materials



Year 11 Resistant materials students have produced a range of outstanding creative solutions for their GCSE Controlled Assessment. They started off researching relevant information that included design movements of the 20th Century and then produced a design specification from which they designed and developed a final solution. They made excellent use of 3D CAD software and had to plan all manufacturing stages and work within a budget they had set themselves. The finished products are some of the best we have seen made at UVHS and are a testimony to all the hard work our students have put into their work.



Representatives from Siemens visited the department in May to award special prizes for GCSE Product design and Resistant Materials final products including "Most Innovative" and "Best Progress" prizes. These will be presented at Upper School Awards Evening in December.

#### GCSE Revision Sessions

Throughout the run up to exams the department ran a number of support sessions and revision days. In Product Design pupils had the opportunity to drop in and out of themed sessions on a full revision day on Friday 23rd June. Pupils learn batch production techniques through manufacturing common exam products and visited Townlands to look at how products and environments can be adapted to suit different target markets. This proved to be extremely useful as many of the topics and products appeared on their GCSE exam!



#### AS/A Level Product Design

Not to be outdone our A-Level students have also produced some amazing work this year....Our AS and A level students have produced



an excellent range of demanding outcomes this year. Y12 made a selection of children's furniture and in Y13 products ranged from furniture to specialised jigs for Siemens. Students have followed the whole design process including research, development, making and

evaluation. We wish Y13 students the best of luck for the future!

#### A Level Textiles

As part of the AS and A Level Textiles course, the students had to display their work to be moderated by an examiner and for a parents exhibition on Friday 30th June. There were a range of Textiles products created, including wall hangings, clothing and head pieces. Each student responded to a variety of sources of inspiration for example natural forms and culture in a personal and creative way. The students worked



hard to complete the work and display it in a professional and creative way.

Please visit our online exhibition on Flickr ([www.flickr.com/uvhsadt](http://www.flickr.com/uvhsadt)) to see all our students work from this year including GCSE, ALevel and KS3.





## Technology Continued!

### Rotary Club Competition

Once again UVHS students entered the Rotary Club Young Textiles Technologist Competition. This involved students from year 8 and 9, they were given a brief and had to produce a design portfolio and finished product. The theme was 'reflection' and students had to design and make a product to be useful in a teenagers bedroom. Many students were entered and their work was judged by members of Ulverston Rotary club. The work was recognised as very high quality and the judges had a difficult decision. The results were:

1st Evie and Amelia (both year 8) 2nd Jonathan (Year 9) Highly Commended Hattie Year 9)

All students were commended for their hard work and high level of skill in Textiles.

Evie and Amelia then attended the regional final for Cumbria and Lancashire held at The Lakes School. 4 Cumbrian schools had entered the competition and following a lengthy deliberation, the winner was announced as The Lakes School with UVHS receiving 'Highly Commended' 'I am very proud of the student and all of their hard work.

### Year 8 Textiles

As part of their Textiles course, Year 8 students design and make a small



case with a pop art theme. The students can personalise their designs to suit their own interests. This group of boys decided to make theirs as a tribute to Joshua West. They worked hard to edit pictures in memory of Josh, print them onto fabric and sew them into cases. I was very proud of their determination and achievement.

## Early Closure : Friday 21st July 2017

Ulverston Victoria High School will close at 1.50 pm on the last day of Summer term, Friday 21st July 2017. School transport have been informed and students who use school buses will be collected at this earlier time.

## Arrangements for September 2017

### Return to School : Wednesday 6th September 2017

Year 7 students start school at 8.50 am and are with form tutors during periods 1, 2 and 3.

Years 8, 9, 10, 11 and 13 return at 10.55 am with form tutors. Normal lessons for the above year groups commence at period 4.

Year 12 students commence Sixth Form on Friday 8th September at 8.50 am and have interviews on Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th September.

## Collection of Exam Results

Arrangements for collection of Exam Results:

### Thursday 17th August 2017 - AS / A Level Results Day

A2 Collection - School Library from 8.30 am - 12.00pm

AS Level Collection - School Library from 10.30 am - 12.00pm.

### Thursday 24th August 2017 - GCSE Results Day

Collection - School Library from 10.00 am until 12.00 pm.

## Medical Information

People with potentially serious allergies will often be given an adrenaline auto-injector to carry at all times. This can help stop an anaphylactic reaction becoming life threatening.

This should be used as soon as a serious reaction is suspected, either by the person experiencing anaphylaxis or someone helping them.

If you've been given an auto-injector, make sure that you have informed UVHS of the medical condition and that a spare pen is kept at reception as well as the pen your child carries in their bag at all times.

## ParentPay and Cashless Catering

**ParentPay and Cashless Catering were both launched at Ulverston Victoria High School in the Summer of 2016. Thank you for all your support to help make these new systems run as smoothly as possible. Particularly for our new September Y7 students and Sixth Form entrants and for those of you who would like a reminder, we have summerised information on the website regarding what ParentPay and Cashless Catering are all about.**  
<http://www.uvhs.uk/school/cashless-catering-and-parentpay>

Did you know you can set free low balance e-mail alerts within ParentPay to notify you when if your child's lunch account balance drops below a certain level?

Simply login to you ParentPay account and go to the Communication tab at the top of the page and select Change Alert Settings. You can then set the low balance threshold. E-mail alerts are free but text alerts require parents to top up their text balance.

Students can always check their own balances using the cash validation

## UVHS Catering News

**UVHS is introducing some changes to menus and pricing for the new academic year 2017/18.**

Following a review of our prices involving a benchmarking exercise with a number of local schools, a new pricing structure will be introduced in September 2017. Due to cost pressures a number of items will increase, some popular lines will remain the same and vegetarian options are being reduced. In addition, with immediate effect, we are introduced a new Malt Loaf snack option for only 30p. Price increases are never easy or popular but our canteen prices have remained static for two years despite the well documented cost increases that schools are facing. We are however increasing our Free School Meal Allowance from £2.40 to £2.50 in September 2017 to compensate low income families. Details of the Free School Meal application process can be found on the Cumbria County Council website: [www.cumbria.gov.uk/childrensservices/schoolsandlearning/freeschoolmeals.asp](http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/childrensservices/schoolsandlearning/freeschoolmeals.asp)

New prices for a range of items is given below for your information:

### Headline Prices Summary

Main Meals	£2.00
Vegetarian Main Meal (Reduced)	£1.80
Bacon Roll	£1.20
Sandwich/Hoagie/Wrap	£1.60
Baguette	£1.70
Pizza Bread	£0.90
Traybake	£0.80
Hot Pasta (Unchanged)	£1.90
Grab a Bag - Small (Unchanged)	£2.10
Grab a Bag - Large (Unchanged)	£2.40
Fruit (Unchanged)	£0.40
Yoghurt (Unchanged)	£0.50
Milk Shake (Unchanged)	£0.50
Fruit Shot Drinks (Unchanged)	£0.20
Malt Loaf ** NEW**	£0.30

Free School Meal Allowance (Increased) £2.50

As you know, all our menus comply with stringent School Food Standards Regulations and are prepared in our kitchen which once again has achieved the highest 5 Star hygiene rating. But we would still like to do more to ensure that our students benefit from a balanced diet. Following the introduction of ParentPay, parents can now monitor their child's dietary intake. Simply logon to your ParentPay account homepage and click on the link under "Lunchtime Meal Activity".

Furthermore, UVHS is undertaking a review of menus in consultation with the School Parliament with the aim of introducing new balanced options in the New Year. Watch this space!

