



# ULVERSTON VICTORIA HIGH SCHOOL

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3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

We are looking forward to seeing our students return on Thursday and we have enjoyed welcoming our new Year 7 today.

We would like to let you know about some changes we have made since the summer term and remind you of our school standards.

## Vision Statement

Last year, we consulted staff and governors about our vision statement. We wanted it to reflect our aim to maintain an environment in which every child feels safe, can thrive and can develop their unique personality and potential.

Our new vision statement is *'every child is valued, supported and empowered to achieve their unique potential'*.

## Ready to Learn

Thank you for your ongoing support in ensuring your child is ready to learn at school. Our form tutors will continue to carry out regular uniform and equipment checks in morning registration.

The school uniform has not changed so please refer to the school uniform policy here: [Ulverston Victoria High School - Policies](#).

If your child is missing an item of uniform, please contact school by calling the school number, emailing your child's pastoral team or sending a note with your child. Please state the item of missing uniform and when this will be replaced. Your child will then be given a green card. Children who arrive at school without the correct uniform and without communication from home will be given a sanction.

We also thank you for your ongoing support in ensuring students have the following equipment that they will use every day. Students should make sure this is in a pencil case, not loose in bags:

- Whiteboard and whiteboard pen
- Scientific calculator\*
- Pencil (and a spare)
- Black or blue pens (and spares)
- Green pen (and spare)
- Ruler
- Pencil sharpener and eraser
- Compass
- Protractor

\*For our new students, scientific calculators will be available to purchase via ParentPay before half term – we will notify you when these are available.



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## Use of toilets

As we value our student voice, we hold regular 'feeling safe in school' surveys. In response to these, we have made further changes to the use of toilets.

If students need to use the toilet during lesson time, the facilities upstairs in C Block will be available. There will be a member of staff on duty outside these toilets.

During break time and lunch time, students will be able to use the toilets as last year. These are assigned to year groups as below. A member of staff will be on duty outside these toilets:

- Year 7 and 8 boys – C Block downstairs toilets
- Year 7 and 8 girls – S block toilets
- Year 9, 10 and 11 boys – A block boys' toilets
- Year 9, 10 and 11 girls – A block girls' toilets

The boys' toilet in A block will undergo renovation later in the autumn term.

## Entrances and exits in school

To safeguard your child, the Victoria Road entrance/exit will be the only gate at the back of school open in the morning and at 3.30pm. Students can still enter and leave through the front gates on Springfield Road. Students who are late to school will need to enter through reception.

## Microsoft Teams

Teams will continue to be the programme we use for setting homework for students. If you have the Edulink app, you can see the details of your child's homework and support them to keep track of deadlines. This app reads directly from Teams. Lesson materials will not be uploaded to Teams, but any documents required for homework or revision will be attached to the assignments on Teams.

## Opportunities for praise and reward.

Students will continue to receive house points for their hard work and effort inside and outside of the classroom. We want all our students to experience success, so students will be regularly recognised in our end of term achievement assemblies and our prize giving ceremonies. This year, we are introducing 'house tickets' for students who gain 30 or more house points in a week. Students who win a ticket will be entered into a weekly prize draw to take place on a Friday. We know our students are motivated and hope this additional recognition continues to support them achieve their unique potential.

## Behaviour

Pupil surveys tell us that there is still some disruption in a small number of lessons, so we have made changes to our system to ensure students' right to learn is not compromised.

We have simplified the language we use so that this is clearer for students and can be applied consistently across the school: *prompt, choose, remove*.



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**Prompt:** If a student is disturbing their own learning or the learning of others, they will be given a 1<sup>st</sup> warning (*Prompt*). This will encourage the student to adopt positive learning behaviour.

**Choose:** If a student repeats the behaviour or displays a different example of disruptive behaviour, the student will be given a second warning and be given a clear choice to make to support their learning and the learning of others. *For example*, they may be given the choice to move seats (directed by the class teacher) or continue where they are seated in a more positive way

**Remove:** If the student repeats the behaviour or displays a different example of disruptive behaviour following the decision they took themselves, the student will be removed from the lesson via the on-call system and be taken to the Independent Learning Room (*Remove*). The student will follow the instruction to attend the Independent Learning room (ILR) or a further sanction will be applied.

Removal from lesson will result in the loss of social time. During this time, students will be supported to reflect on how they can improve their behaviour in the future. Repeated removals from lesson will result in a period of time in isolation where students will also undertake restorative work to support them to develop positive behaviour in lessons.

## **Trips and visits**

There are a wide range of residential trips and visits throughout the year. As well as visits that have already been planned (below), we aim to take as many opportunities as we can to enrich students' experience of school and the wider world. Please look out for more information regarding these.

Below is a list of the trips abroad which have been scheduled for this academic year:

<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Year 7-13	Austria – Music Tour	9th - 16th July
Year 8	Malaga	22nd - 26th June
Year 9	Strasbourg	6th - 10th July
Year 10	Ski trip - Italy	10th - 17th January
Year 10	Barcelona	13th - 16th July
Year 11	Munich	3rd -7th December
Year 12	Paris	5th - 8th February
Year 13	Krakow	13th - 16th February
Year 13	Iceland	15th - 18th March

## **Facebook**

Please find us on Facebook (UVHS) for celebrations of achievement and to stay up to date with UVHS news. You can also read our news in more details on the school website: [Ulverston Victoria High School - Home](http://www.uvhs.uk)



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## Home-school relationship

Finally, strong relationships between home and school are vital in supporting your child to thrive and achieve their potential. Please look out for our Personal Development newsletter and our Teaching and Learning newsletter this month.

In addition, please see the dates for parents' evenings this academic year below:

<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Date</u>
Year 7 Meet New Form Tutors evening	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> September
Year 7 Parents' Evening (subject teachers)	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 8 Parents' Evening (subject teachers)	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February
Year 9 Parents' Evening (subject teachers)	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January
Year 10 Parents' Evening (subject teachers)	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> December
Year 11 Parents' Evening (subject teachers)	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 12 Meet New Form Tutors evening	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October
Year 12 Parents' Evening (subject teachers)	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July
Year 13 Parents' Evening (subject teachers)	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> February

To support your communication with school, we have a range of contacts on the website here:

[Ulverston Victoria High School - Contact Us](#)

Yours faithfully

Mrs L Muldoon  
Deputy Headteacher