

REUNION 2026

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

We've compiled some key information based on questions we've received in the past, which we hope you'll find helpful.

If you can't find what you're looking for, please email us at reunions@uwcatlanticexperience.com, and we'll be happy to assist.

TICKETS

When is the 2026 reunion?

The 2026 reunion takes place from 2pm on Friday 26th June - 5.30pm on Sunday 28th June 2026.

There is also the option for those who have booked a residential or camping reunion ticket to extend their stay for an additional night on Sunday 28th June evening (checking out Monday 29th June). An additional fee applies.

How do I book tickets?

Information about the reunion event can be found here: <https://www.uwcatlanticexperience.com/reunions>

When booking opens, you must book via your year group's dedicated Eventbrite link found on the website and in the launch emails. Please allow time to complete the registration process.

When will tickets go on sale?

Tickets will be available to book from <https://www.uwcatlanticexperience.com/reunions> from Tuesday 27th January 2026, 9am GMT (UK time).

What is the deadline to book?

Booking for all reunion weekends strictly closes on 31st May 2026. We hope you understand reunion events require a lot of planning, and service providers set order deadlines; therefore, we cannot extend this booking deadline.

What is your refund policy?

If you would like to cancel your booking, you are entitled to a refund until 15th May 2026. You can resell your ticket to someone from your year group, but we must be notified to update the registration details. You can do this by emailing reunions@uwcatlanticexperience.com.

What is the cost of tickets?

We offer a range of options, including tickets with onsite accommodation, camping and staying offsite. Ticket prices vary for adults, children and babies.

Tickets are for the full duration of the weekend from Friday to Sunday. Unfortunately, we do not offer one-day-only passes.

Add-on options are available for those with a reunion ticket, including tickets for the Saturday dinner dance and the option to extend your stay for an additional night on Sunday. To book these add-on tickets, you must have a reunion weekend ticket.

To view the full list of ticket options and prices for 2026, click [here](#).

Is funding available if I cannot afford the ticket?

Charity law in the UK indicates that we can only raise funds for our purpose as set out in our Memorandum and Articles of Association. This means we cannot raise funds to financially support alumni attending the reunion fundraising weekend. Instead, we would recommend speaking amongst your year group to discuss what financial assistance your co-years may be able to support you with.

Has the cost of the tickets increased?

Ticket costs increase year on year to cover inflation of goods and service costs, however, we are committed to keeping this increase as reasonable as possible to encourage as many alumni as possible to attend.

What types of tickets are available?

Tickets are essentially broken down into the following categories:

- Reunion weekend ticket including accommodation
Includes meals (excluding Dinner Dance), activities and bed in shared dorm
- Reunion weekend ticket including camping or caravanning onsite
Includes meals (excluding Dinner Dance), activities and a camping or caravan pitch - no camping equipment, electric hook-up, water connection or waste disposal available
- Reunion weekend ticket staying offsite
Includes meals (excluding breakfast and Dinner Dance) and activities. Does not include accommodation
- Saturday Dinner Dance ticket
Includes 3-course dinner, ½ bottle of wine per person, cheese table, DJ and disco until 2am
- Additional night accommodation (Sunday evening)

Includes Sunday overnight accommodation and Monday breakfast

Tickets for the above categories are further broken down as:

- Adult (ages 18+)
- Child (ages 3-17 years old)
- Infant (0-2 years old)

Do the reunions generate revenue?

Yes. The reunions serve as an important fundraising event for the College, and the funds raised contribute directly to supporting the College's financial sustainability.

Can the fee I pay for my ticket be counted toward my class appeal contribution?

Unfortunately, no. Ticket revenue is used to cover the operational costs of the event. Any overall surplus from the event - combined across all year groups, supports the College's financial sustainability. Your class appeal should be supported separately, either through direct donations or independent fundraising efforts with your year group. For more information, visit <https://www.uwcatlantic.org/support-us>

Can alumni from other years attend the reunions?

The reunion is a busy celebration, and we prioritise alumni and their families of the celebrating years.

Alumni of other year groups are able to book as follows:

- As a guest of an alumnus of the celebrating years (in place of their family)
- If spaces are remaining after 30th April

Please email reunions@uwcatlanticexperience.com with any queries or to join the waitlist.

What is the provision for alumni from other years to come onto campus in the summer?

We host a range of community events, which anyone is welcome to attend. More information can be found on our Atlantic Experience [website](#). For alumni-specific visits, please visit www.uwcatlantic.org/alumni/returning-to-campus

Are there any plans to allow alumni who are unable to travel to the College this summer to join part of the celebrations remotely?

Yes, the presentation by UWC Atlantic Principal, Naheed Bardai, and members of the Leadership Team on Saturday morning will be live-streamed.

DINNER DANCE (SATURDAY)

How do I book the dinner dance ticket?

If you wish to attend the reunion dinner dance on Saturday, you must purchase in advance (ideally, when you book your reunion weekend ticket) via Eventbrite. The dinner dance ticket appears under 'add-ons'.

Can I attend the dinner dance without booking a reunion weekend ticket?

Attendance at the dinner dance requires a valid reunion weekend ticket. If you purchase your dinner dance ticket after securing your reunion weekend ticket, please be sure to use the same name on both, as they will be cross-checked. Tickets purchased under a name that does not correspond to a reunion weekend ticket holder will be cancelled and refunded.

If spaces remain for the dinner dance after 15th May, the College may open bookings to those not attending the full reunion weekend. This will depend on availability and will be communicated through your year representatives. The booking deadline of 31 May 2026 will still apply.

Why do I need to book the dinner dance as an additional ticket?

The dinner dance used to be included automatically in reunion tickets when the events were smaller and fewer year groups were involved. Because it was bundled into the main ticket, attendees didn't have the flexibility to opt out if they preferred not to attend. By offering the dinner dance as a separate, optional booking, we can provide greater choice while also ensuring we stay within the venue's capacity for a catered event.

What is the dress code for the dinner dance?

While there is no official dress code, we recommend smart attire.

Can under-18s attend?

Unfortunately, due to the popularity of the dinner dance and limited capacity, the event is reserved for guests aged 18+.

Is childcare available throughout the dinner dance?

UWC Atlantic does not provide childcare for the dinner dance. We recommend if you are bringing children who cannot attend the dinner dance that you make childcare arrangements.

Can I select where I sit?

There will be tables allocated to each year group. On these tables, you can sit where you choose.

If I do not attend the dinner dance, will dinner be provided?

Yes. If you are not attending the dinner dance and have a reunion weekend ticket, evening dinner will still be available from the Dining Hall. Please see the programme for details.

Will a bar be available on the Saturday night for guests not attending the dinner dance?

Yes. The Glassroom bar will be open on Saturday evening for guests not attending the dinner dance. It will also be available as a quieter area for those who have attended the dinner dance but wish to be away from the loud music.

Can I join the disco later in the evening after the formal meal?

Once 80% of the dinner dance tickets are sold, we will release a number of disco-only tickets for entry after 10:30pm. These tickets are priced at £15pp and will contribute to the reunion fundraiser. We're only able to offer these tickets once the event is nearly sold out to ensure that the primary costs of the evening are covered. A minimum age of 18 applies.

ACCOMMODATION

Can I join a waitlist if accommodation is fully booked?

Accommodation on-site is limited and is often the fastest-selling ticket. If you plan to stay on campus, we recommend booking as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. Should accommodation be full, please email us on reunions@uwcatlanticexperience.com to be added to a waitlist. If new beds become available, we will contact individuals in order on the waitlist.

How are beds and houses allocated?

Each year group is allocated a house; at least 2 houses are allocated to families from across all year groups, and there is an overflow house for individuals from any year group.

After 30th April, any beds remaining in any of the houses will also be opened up to the waitlist for others to book (i.e. if the class of 2016 accommodation is full, but there are spaces in the 1996 house, you will be offered the opportunity to book a bed in this house). Please note that this does not apply to families - we will not place families in the main year group houses.

Can I choose who to share a dorm with?

If you would like to share with others, please book together via Eventbrite. Where this is not possible, please email reunions@uwcatlanticexperience.com as soon as you make your reservation, and we will do our best to accommodate your share request. We hope you understand there is a large volume of

individual requests and limited administrative capacity; therefore, requests are not guaranteed. Share requests received after 31st May will not be considered.

For bookings of 3 or less, this is not a private room; you will likely still have others allocated to your room to fill the remaining beds.

Are dorms split by gender?

On the Eventbrite booking form, you can book a female-only, male-only or shared-gender dorm. Shared-gender dorms mean you may be sharing a room with people of another gender and allows us to accommodate more people staying on campus.

What do I book as a heterosexual couple wanting to share the same room?

Please book together a shared-gender ticket to be allocated a room together. Please note, there are 4 beds to a room and the remaining beds will be allocated to other guests of any gender.

Can I book a private dorm?

Unfortunately, due to the high demand of people wanting to stay on campus to experience the weekend to its full potential, we cannot book private dorms that leave beds unoccupied. If you are a party of 4 people wanting to stay together, then this will be possible (subject to availability) if you book all guests on one Eventbrite booking or email as per the instructions above.

Will I be able to stay in my old dormitory or house?

Houses are allocated by year group or for families. As such, it is highly unlikely that you will be in the same dormitory as when you lived at UWC Atlantic.

Do families stay in a different house?

Yes. Anyone who books a child or infant ticket will automatically be allocated a dorm in the 'Family House'. Dorms in the family house are not shared with other families.

If you have purchased a child or infant ticket, you cannot be allocated to your main year group house. These houses are for attendees aged 18+ only.

How many people can the family dorms accommodate?

Family dorms have 4 beds and space for a travel cot. On some occasions, there may be space for an additional mattress on the floor in the room.

If your family is larger than 4, you may be split between two dorms. To do this, you are required to have 1 adult in each room (i.e for a family of 2 adults and 3 children, 1 adult and 2 children will be allocated

the one room and 1 adult and 1 child in the other). If this does not work for your family numbers, we suggest booking accommodation offsite as our facilities are limited.

Can my children stay in the family dormitories and I stay with my year group?

This will not be possible. If you are attending the reunion with your children of 17 years and under, you will need to share a room with them in one of the family houses.

My children are 18 years and above, will I be in the family house?

No - if all your children are aged 18 plus, you must book them an adult ticket and you will therefore be allocated beds in the main houses. If you wish to stay together in a dorm, please ensure you book together on one Eventbrite order. Please note if you are a party of 3 or less, you will likely have another guest allocated to your room.

Do you provide a travel cot?

No, we cannot provide a travel cot. Please ensure you bring your own.

Is bed linen provided?

Bed linen is provided.

Are towels and toiletries provided?

No. Unfortunately, as a College, we cannot provide the same facilities that you would find in a hotel. We recommend that if you wish to have items such as towels, toiletries and hairdryers available due to the limitations of travelling with luggage, you may find a hotel will better suit your needs.

A limited number of towels and toiletries will be available to purchase from the College shop.

Can we play music in the houses?

Residential guests are reminded that loud music is not permitted in the houses after midnight - please respect our neighbours and be considerate of others sharing your house.

CAMPING/MOTORHOMES

What is included if I book the camping ticket?

The camping ticket allows you to bring your own camping tent and equipment to camp on our grounds and use our shower and toilet facilities nearby in the Sports Hall. Please note there is no access to power.

What is included if I book the caravan ticket?

We will offer an allocated place for caravans to park. Please note, that there is no electric hook-up, water connection or waste disposal available. Please ensure you provide estimated dimensions of your caravan/motorhome so that the space we allocate you is large enough.

Where can I charge phones, laptops etc?

Power points to charge electronics are accessible around campus, and most convenient is the Sports Hall. Please note that leaving items unsupervised is at your own risk.

Can we play music in the campsite?

Music outdoors is not permitted, including in the campsite/motorhome area.

OFF-SITE GUESTS

Do you recommend any off-site accommodation?

Please find [here](#) a list of accommodation in the Vale of Glamorgan.

What time do I need to leave campus by, as an off-site guest?

We kindly ask that non-residential guests leave the campus by the following times:

- Friday (Saturday morning) - 12:30am
- Saturday (Sunday morning) - 2:30am
- Sunday - 5:30pm

Please be considerate of our local community and neighbours, some of whom live attached or directly adjacent to the residential accommodation and leave campus quietly.

Re-entry to campus is available from 8am.

MOBILITY AND ACCESSIBILITY

I have a mobility issue, can you accommodate special requests?

We welcome all guests to campus and we will do our very best to accommodate any mobility needs. If you have a mobility issue, please make us aware when you make your booking or email reunions@uwcatlanticexperience.com so that we can better understand and assist your requirements.

Whilst we can accommodate many mobility issues, the nature of the castle campus makes access to some areas difficult. Guests with wheelchairs, electric scooters, crutches, walkers etc, should also know by the nature of the castle some floors are uneven or cobbled and events take place all over campus including the seafront area and Sports Hall which are down a steep hill. Those with accessible needs are able to drive to the seafront, but please contact us in advance to arrange this.

If you wish to stay on campus, some of our accommodation has accessible toilets and showers. To suit your mobility needs, this may mean being allocated in a house different to the rest of your year group.

Please contact us so that we can discuss this further with you - we will do our utmost to accommodate your needs and make your experience at the College as smooth as possible.

CHILDREN

What do you offer for children during the weekend?

We always welcome children to our reunion weekends. There will be several child-friendly and outdoor activities on offer for a range of ages over the weekend, but we need to highlight that the activities are not a childcare provision. Depending on the activity and the age of your child, you may be required to stay with them whilst they are doing the activity. If the activity allows you to leave your child with the activity organisers, we ask please that you collect your child promptly at the end of each session as advised by the activity practitioner.

What childcare options do you offer?

The College does not arrange childcare for the reunion weekend. Should you wish to arrange your own, please find below some mobile childcare options (please note the College does not endorse these companies and you should do your due diligence checks):

- <https://www.facebook.com/littleducklingsbabysitting1>
- <https://www.nannykate.co.uk/other-services/wedding-childcare/>
- <https://www.facebook.com/PopUpPlayVillageCardiff>

If you are arranging childcare please inform us to grant them access to site.

Can children/infants attend the reunion dinner dance?

Due to capacity limitations, children and infants are not able to attend the reunion dinner on Saturday evening unless they are aged 18+ and hold an adult ticket. This is except for anyone who is

breastfeeding who can for this reason take their infant with them. In this scenario, please be aware the event can be loud and does not provide privacy.

For on-site accommodation, where do children stay?

Any reservation that includes a child or infant ticket will automatically be allocated a dorm in the 'Family House'. Dorms in the family house are not shared with other families and are a mix of all the year groups.

If you have purchased a child or infant ticket, you cannot be allocated to your main year group house; these houses are for attendees aged 18+ only.

CATERING AND BARS

What catering and refreshments are provided?

Guests staying onsite (houses and camping) will be provided with meals from dinner time on Friday to lunchtime on Sunday. Those staying off-site will be provided with the same meals, excluding breakfast.

Light refreshments will be available throughout the day and you will have the opportunity to purchase additional beverages from our bar. Please note we are a cashless venue and only accept card payments.

Can you cater for special dietary requirements?

Please let us know of any special dietary requirements you have when completing the registration form. We can cater for dietary requirements when notified ahead of the reunion weekend.

I am bringing my infant. Do you have any highchairs?

Yes, we have several highchairs available for use in the Dining Hall.

Where do we have meals?

Meals take place in the Dining Hall unless otherwise specified during the times advertised. Meal times are exceptionally busy and we ask that once you have finished eating you vacate the Dining Hall to make space for others to eat.

Is there a bar on campus?

Yes, bars will be open, selling alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages - please see the programme for further details. Please note, we are a cashless campus; therefore, you should have a Visa/Mastercard that can be used in the UK.

Can we bring our own alcohol on campus?

Guests are kindly asked not to bring their own alcohol and to use the bars provided on campus. Any alcohol consumed from off-campus will be challenged and removed.

Please keep all glasses and bottles within the main event areas and avoid leaving them elsewhere on campus.

PHOTOS

Will there be an official photographer for the weekend?

We love to capture all the highlights of our reunion weekends. There will be a photographer present during the reunion weekend taking the 'official' photos that will be shared with all attendees a few weeks after the event. By attending this event, you are consenting for us to use your image for media and social media purposes without additional permission required from you. If you have any specific objections, please alert us before the event.

LOST AND FOUND

What if I lose something during the weekend?

Please report all lost items to the Welcome Team at Main Reception. Any found items should also be returned here or passed to a member of the event team. We will do our best to retrieve lost items and reunite them with their owners, but we cannot be held responsible or accountable for lost or stolen items. Any items found after your departure may be posted to you, but we will ask you please to cover the cost. Items will be stored for up to 4 weeks only.

AMENITIES

Does the College accept cards and cash?

We are a cashless venue, therefore, we only accept card payments. Please ensure you have a bank card (that can be used in the UK) for purchases at the bars and shop. Please note, some services around the local area - such as buses and taxis, may still require you to use cash.

Does the College have a cashpoint machine?

We're sorry, we don't have cash withdrawal facilities on campus; the nearest [ATM](#) is Llantwit Major.

Is WiFi available on campus?

Yes, information about accessing our guest network will be displayed around campus when you arrive.

Will the College shop be open?

Indeed it will. There will be a range of branded gift items on sale in [Atlantic Emporium](#), the proceeds of which go towards various initiatives in the College. Please note that we hold a very limited stock of basic toiletries such as shampoo, shower gel and toothpaste.

Where can I find further information about what's going on during the weekend?

The Atlantic Emporium college shop or Main Reception are the centre points for information during the reunion weekend.

What First Aid will be available?

The Welcome Team is available to direct any questions or queries and assist in providing emergency first aid 24/7. If you require special personal assistance, please make plans to bring a care provider and let us know so that we might be able to support you further.

Is there a smoking area?

Under the Smoke-free (Wales) Regulations 2021, smoking (including e-cigarettes) is prohibited on all school and college grounds in Wales, including both indoor and outdoor areas. This means smoking is not allowed anywhere on campus, including inside residential houses. If you wish to smoke, you must leave the campus grounds entirely.

Is there a way to communicate during the reunion weekend?

A WhatsApp community group will be shared for announcements during the reunion weekend.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Is there transport from Llantwit Major train station to UWC Atlantic?

We strongly recommend booking taxis in advance, as it is very unlikely one will be available on demand. Recommended taxi services:

- Andy Cars: (+44) 1446 796 777
- JD Cars: (+44) 1446 711 460
- A-Z Cars: (+44) 1446 747 555
- Bridgend Taxis: (+44) 1656 662 477

- Business Drive Wales: (+44) 1446 621 251

The 303 bus serves the stop directly outside the College and runs between Bridgend and Llantwit Major. Please note the last bus times:

- Bridgend to Llantwit Major 3 23:39 (11:39pm)
- Llantwit Major to Bridgend 3 23:11 (11:11pm)

What is the best way of getting to UWC Atlantic from London?

The easiest way to get to UWC Atlantic from London is by taking a train from London Paddington to Bridgend. From here, you are able to get a taxi to the College. We recommend you have cash to pay for your taxi. From Bridgend to the College, it is approximately £25 one way.

What is the best way of getting to UWC Atlantic from Cardiff Airport?

The easiest way to get to UWC Atlantic from Cardiff Airport is by taxi. Flight Link takes bookings and can be contacted on (+44) 1446 728500. You can also catch the 303 bus, which takes you directly to the college. Please note that on Sundays, there is a limited bus service available.

Is group transport provided?

The College does not provide group transport; however, in the past, year groups have arranged this independently. The coach hire company the College uses is [Creigiau Travel](#) should you want to make your own arrangements directly with them. Please keep us informed if you do arrange group travel, so we can prepare for a group arrival.

Is there parking on campus?

Yes, complimentary on-site parking is available for guests staying on or off campus. Parking is on a grass field, so please consider this.

REGISTRATION

Where do I check in when I arrive on campus?

Please have your Eventbrite confirmation barcode ready to help speed up the process. If you are arriving by car, staff will direct you to the parking field; otherwise, you will be guided directly to the Arts Centre registration area.

Registration takes place in the Glassroom inside the Arts Centre and is a busy but essential part of the check-in process.

All guests are required to register upon arrival and confirm their details. Each guest will receive a welcome bag, and resident guests will also be issued their accommodation keycards.

We kindly ask for your patience and cooperation during registration. Once checked in, please proceed to the drinks reception tent on the Top Lawn, or take your luggage to your dorm to help keep the registration area clear.

Resident guests will be informed of their assigned house only at registration, so we recommend leaving luggage in your car until you have checked in. Please note that room swaps will not be possible on the day.

Registration is open from 2pm-8pm. A staff member will remain until 10pm to assist late arrivals. After this time, the Main Reception will handle registration. If you will be arriving outside the official 2-8pm window, please notify us in advance at reunions@uwcatlanticexperience.com.

ACTIVITIES

Are the activities listed in the programme compulsory to attend?

No, attendance at activities is entirely optional. We have put together a programme with a variety of experiences for you to enjoy, but it may not be possible to participate in everything. You are also free to spend the weekend socialising with peers or exploring the local area - whatever you prefer.

I would like to attend one of the planned activities. How do I book?

You are not required to pre-register unless otherwise stated. More information on these will be provided nearer the time.

Due to limited availability and high demand, you are required to register to attend a castle tour. A booking link will be sent nearer the time.

What are the CAS activities?

CAS (creativity, activity, service) is a core component of the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme studied at UWC Atlantic today and is designed to develop students beyond academics by engaging them in meaningful extracurricular activities that foster personal growth, creativity, physical well-being, and community engagement.

You will have an opportunity to experience CAS as part of the reunion programme - more details will follow.

I would like to contribute to the programme. How do I get involved?

Each year group will be asked to nominate a lead person for the following parts of the programme:

- Class Reception (this is first offered to the class rep)
- Swimathon
- Tree planting

If you want to get involved, please contact us at philanthropy@uwcatlantic.org.

What activities are available, and are they included?

A range of activities is included in the programme at no additional cost. Appropriate wear is required for these activities, such as swimwear, trainers, etc, depending on the activity. There is no option to purchase swimwear or footwear at the College shop. All safety equipment will be provided.

For physical activities, you may be required to complete a participant safety form.

Can I go in the sea?

The sea is not lifeguarded, and strong currents make it hazardous. You are strongly advised not to enter the water. Any entry into the sea from campus is entirely at your own risk.

Can I learn more about applying to UWC?

Yes, there will be an opportunity to learn more about applying to UWC. Please see the programme for further details.

FUNDRAISING

Doesn't the reunion fee go towards scholarships?

In short, no. Your reunion fee covers your weekend – not a student's education. Any surplus revenue generated goes towards the financial sustainability of the College, such as the much-needed repair works to our old buildings.

Weren't there government scholarships, like the ones in the early days?

Yes, in the early years, many AC students were supported by governments, institutions, or corporate partners. But today, these sources have largely disappeared. Only one or two such scholarships remain. A full two-year scholarship is £78,833, not including additional needs while on campus; therefore, support from our alumni who previously benefited from a UWC education is needed more today than ever. To discuss fundraising or donating options, please contact

jessie.james@uwcatlantic.org or your year rep.

How can AC continue to reflect the world in all its diversity?

The only way to preserve AC's rich mix of cultures, experiences, and socioeconomic backgrounds is through philanthropic support. Without it, our global community simply wouldn't be possible. As alumni, we're now the stewards of that mission.

Can I give tax efficiently?

If you would prefer to give tax efficiently, we can signpost you to a number of ways for you to do this, wherever you are in the world.

To learn more visit <https://www.uwcatlantic.org/support-us/ways-to-give/tax-efficient-giving> or contact the Philanthropy team at philanthropy@uwcatlantic.org.

SAFETY IN OUR COMMUNITY

The reunion weekend is a time to come together and celebrate the unique spirit of the UWC movement and your nostalgia as a past student.

We ask all attendees to enjoy the event responsibly and treat others with respect. Anyone exhibiting disruptive behaviour, excessive intoxication, staying on campus without the appropriate ticket or other inappropriate conduct may be asked to leave the event without a refund. Your cooperation helps ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone.