



GLE & GLE JNR | 2026

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

COURSE PACK

WELCOME NOTE

Dear Participants and Families,

Welcome to the Global Leadership Experience (GLE); an official UWC Short Course that brings young people together from across the world to develop their mindset, skills and courage needed to create positive change — locally, nationally, and globally.

GLE is designed to help participants understand complex global systems, practice emergent forms of leadership, and experience the power of a diverse, international community.

Building on over 60 years of the United World College global movement to make education a force to unite people, nations and cultures for peace and a sustainable future, the 2026 GLE programme returns with two new accredited UWC Short Courses that are rooted in the UWC mission and in UWC Atlantic College's pioneering Systems Transformation Pathway (STP) programme.

To ensure the course is right for you, please read this document carefully. Should your application be successful, the contents of this document form part of our terms and conditions for enrolment onto GLE 2026.

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Please read the information carefully and contact us if you have any concerns. Please use this checklist to prepare for the programme. The boxes that are left empty are for you to complete and help you plan.

CHECK LIST (Please check carefully prior to departure)	WHEN
Pay course fees to confirm your place at GLE 2026	2 weeks from confirmation
Book travel	ASAP from confirmation
Purchase any additional travel insurance you may require	
Submit Travel and Logistics form	31st May 2026
Ensure you have all items in the suggested kit list	
Contact us should any of your personal and emergency details change prior to arrival	
Pack your bag (don't forget your travel documents)	
Get ready for GLE!	Now!

WHAT TO BRING

ESSENTIAL

- Appropriate clothing (day to day clothes) include some warm options
- Loose-fitting sports clothing, eg. tracksuit, hooded sweatshirts, shorts, leggings, etc
- An appropriate outfit for the Gala (something smart-casual)
- Towels (including beach/swimming towel)
- Reusable water bottle
- Waterproof jacket and hat or cap for the range of weather
- Hiking boots and suitable footwear for taking part in outdoor sporting activities
- Several changes of underwear/socks (complimentary laundry facilities available)
- Swimming costume
- Sports shoes and flip flops
- Sunscreen
- Wash kit (personal hygiene items)
- Pyjamas or similar sleeping clothes
- House shoes/slippers
- Medication (This must be declared on the Application Form and clear instructions for administration must be provided)
- Mobile phone (further information in phone policy section)
- Mobile phone charger and adapter plugs for the UK

OPTIONAL

- Musical instrument (if you have/play one and would like to bring it)
- Reading book/s
- Playing cards or small board game
- Personal journal/diary
- Camera
- Writing stationery
- Other waterproof clothing, e.g. waterproof trousers
- Preferred snacks (Atlantic College is rural and you will only have access to a small tuck shop). Please bring any special or preferred snacks - they must not contain nuts. Deliveries to the College are not permitted

Note (1): Wales is known for mild and wet summers, therefore, we can't stress enough the need for appropriate clothing as well as a waterproof jacket, a hat, and enough sunscreen to last the whole duration of the programme.

Note (2): All specialist equipment for activities will be provided by our staff, and we advise you not to bring your own.

LOCATION & CONTACT

Address: UWC Atlantic, St Donat's Castle, Llantwit Major CF61 1WF, UK (Wales)

Detailed travel information on how to get to UWC Atlantic by road or by rail can be found here:
www.uwcatlanticexperience.com/get-in-touch/

Email: gle@uwcatlanticexperience.com

Telephone and 24hr emergency contact: +44 (0) 1446 799 000

TRAVEL INFORMATION

We recommend booking travel as soon as your place on the GLE programme is confirmed. You must complete the [Travel and Logistics Form](#) that will be sent to you with your confirmation by 31st May 2026.

Transfers are only available from/to Heathrow Airport and all participants not arriving directly at the College should arrive and depart from this airport.

PARTICIPANT ARRIVAL | AIRPORT PICK UP

Should the participant require a transfer to the College they must fly into Heathrow Airport with an arrival time between 9am-5pm (BST) on Saturday. A member of staff wearing bright Blue UWC uniform with a sign will be present in the arrivals hall from 9.30am at Terminals 2,3,4 and 5. Those arriving at terminals 2,3,4 will be chaperoned to the airport final meeting point which is 'North Meeting Point' at Terminal 5.

Participants arriving before 9am will remain unchaperoned in the airport.

A contact mobile number for the ELEA airport manager will be provided to you a few weeks before.

There will be various coaches departing throughout the day, therefore, please expect some waiting time at the airport and have spending money to buy snacks and drinks. Participants using the Heathrow transfer must have a mobile phone and be contactable at all times. For more information, please read our 'Mobile Phone Policy'. The journey from Heathrow Airport to UWC Atlantic is approximately three hours and is an opportunity for you to start getting to know your coursemates. A light buffet will be available at the College on your arrival.

Please note that some airlines and immigration services may require an accompanying service for minors, particularly those aged 15 and under. If you book the Unaccompanied Minor Service with your airline, please read the relevant section below.

PARTICIPANT ARRIVAL | DIRECTLY AT THE COLLEGE

Participants must arrive at UWC Atlantic on the Saturday of the course between 3pm and 10pm. A light buffet or a meal in the dining hall, depending on arrival time, will be available for participants at the College. Please report to Main Reception on arrival and from there, a member of the GLE team will escort you to the accommodation day room for check-in.

PARTICIPANT ARRIVAL | DIRECT FROM CARDIFF AIRPORT

Participants who wish to fly direct to Cardiff Airport (approximately 9 miles from the College) must arrange their own private car transfer to the College using College recommended travel services only. Information can be provided on request. Please note, we recommend this option to participants travelling alone over the age of 14 only. The above instructions for 'arriving directly at the College' still apply.

PARTICIPANT DEPARTURE | HEATHROW AIRPORT DROP-OFF

If you require the transfer to London Heathrow, you must book a departing flight on the final Saturday of the course with a flight departure time between 12pm-7pm BST, or have a chaperone meet you at the airport. Breakfast is provided before departing the College. Please ensure you have money to purchase additional food at the airport throughout the day.

Participants who will be met by a parent/guardian will be dropped off at Terminal 5 North Meeting Point. Participants flying alone will be chaperoned to Terminals 2,3 and 4.

PARTICIPANT DEPARTURE | COLLECTION FROM COLLEGE

Participants must be collected from the College by 2pm BST at the latest. For participants being collected from campus, breakfast and (if applicable) a light lunch will be provided. For travellers aged 16-17, please see the relevant section below.

PARTICIPANT DEPARTURE | DIRECT TO CARDIFF AIRPORT

Participants who wish to depart unaccompanied to Cardiff Airport (approximately 9 miles from the College) must arrange their own private car transfer from the College using College recommended travel services only. Information can be provided on request. Please note, we recommend this option to participants travelling alone over the age of 14 only.

Final travel plans will be communicated to parents/guardians and participants approximately two weeks before the start of the programme. Please ensure that the participant has the emergency number in their phone and keeps their phone charged at all times: +44 (0) 1446 799 000.

GLE does not hold themselves liable for covering the costs of any participant missing a flight for any reason or having a flight cancelled or delayed. However, a member of staff will ensure the participant is safe and is able to organise alternative travel arrangements.

DISRUPTED TRAVEL FEES

Should you need to make last minute changes to travel i.e. cancelled/delayed flights or changing of arrival/departure days, a supplement fee of £200GBP per person plus additional transport costs (i.e. taxis) applies, payable in advance.

TRAVELLING UNDER THE AGE OF 18

Parents/guardians of unaccompanied minors (participants under 18 travelling on their own) should carefully check 'unaccompanied flight' policies which may vary widely from airline to airline. It is very important that parents arranging an unaccompanied flight investigate the specific policies of the airline in question. Do not hesitate to ask the airline any detailed questions about any policy that seems confusing.

If you plan to use your airline's unaccompanied minor service, you will also need to book additional support services with the GLE team to facilitate this. The cost payable to GLE for the required additional support is £150 GBP total (includes both ways).

VISAS AND INSURANCE

Participants who require a VISA to enter the United Kingdom should apply for a [Standard Visitor Visa](#). Should you need additional documents to support your VISA application, you should contact us in advance to ensure your application can be processed in time for the course start date. We will not be able to guarantee the refund of the programme fees in case of participants missing the course due to unsuccessful VISA applications.

[For eligibility information please visit: www.gov.uk/standard-visitor-visa/eligibility](https://www.gov.uk/standard-visitor-visa/eligibility)

[To apply for a Standard Visitor Visa please visit: www.gov.uk/standard-visitor-visa/apply](https://www.gov.uk/standard-visitor-visa/apply)

Although we provide Guard Me international travel insurance as standard for international participants living outside of the UK, participants may also wish to purchase travel insurance for the duration of their travel and stay at UWC Atlantic. Missed flights and baggage are covered in the Guard Me + cancellation policy - please see the insurance policy document for full details.

We will set up an insurance policy for each student individually valid for the exact dates of the GLE course (from arrival to departure days). However, in the unfortunate case of needing to make a claim, this can only be done by the participant and through GuardMe directly.

If you are visiting the UK from an EU country or Switzerland and you fall ill or have a medical emergency during your temporary stay, you can use a valid EHIC issued by your home country to access healthcare. If applicable, please ensure you bring your EHIC along with your ID/passport documents.

MEDICATION

In line with our safeguarding procedure, on arrival all medication including painkillers must be given to the GLE team who will store and distribute medication according to the instructions provided on the application form.

This is with the exception to the following:

- Asthma inhaler - must be kept on the participant at all times
- Epinephrine autoinjector (e.g Epi-pen) - must be kept on the participant at all times
- Topical creams - can remain with the participant

We must still be made aware of the above, but they can remain with the participant.

If participants are found in possession of any medication, including medication that can be bought over the counter in the home country, this would be considered a breach of the code of conduct and relevant action taken. If the participant's medical status changes for any reason between the time of completing the application form and arrival, you must inform us immediately to allow us to consider any possible implications for participation in the course. Failure to inform us truthfully and accurately of such changes would result in an unacceptable compromise to our duty of care and the participant's removal from the course. No refund or compensation of any kind would be given in these circumstances. Should the participant already be in the UK, parents/guardians would be entirely responsible for repatriation and all costs incurred.

FIRST AID

In case of injury, there is always a member of staff on duty who is first aid trained, and will be able to provide aid on site. Should any participants require further medical assistance, transport to the nearest medical facility or hospital will be available 24 hours a day, and parents/guardians will be kept informed accordingly at all times.

VALUABLES

Participants will have access to their own locker to store any valuables as well as their passport.

Please note:

- You are responsible for safely storing your own valuables (excluding medication) in your lockable area and GLE takes no responsibility for any loss or theft.
- We strongly recommend you do not bring valuables or cash.
- In the case of bringing cash, we strongly recommend bringing a minimal amount.
- We strongly advise participants to bring debit cards that can be topped up by parents/guardians online, NOT cash as many outlets in the UK are now contactless only.
- We cannot facilitate the transfer of money to participants.
- If participants bring cash, be sure to bring Pounds Sterling (UK currency only) as there is no facility to exchange money at the College and we can not provide external assistance to exchange foreign currency.
- If you bring cash or coins, please check that they are new and not old money as it will not be possible to go to a bank or post office to make the exchange.
- In the UK there is no requirement to carry a form of ID at any time so your passport should remain in your locker at all times.

DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

All dietary requirements and allergies should be indicated in the application form. If we do not receive this information from you, we assume you have no specific dietary requirements and you can eat meat, eggs, fish, nuts and dairy products. All main meals will be prepared by our catering team at UWC Atlantic and we can cater for a wide and diverse range of requirements so long as this is clearly specified prior to your arrival.

Our meals include a range of healthy options, including vegan, vegetarian and halal. Hot and cold drinks, snacks and fruit will also be available throughout the day, and cereal, milk, toast and preserves will be available in the student houses throughout the whole duration of the programme.

Participants are welcome to bring any food or nibbles of their choice, but please do not bring any food which may contain nuts as the campus is strictly nut-free.

ACCOMMODATION

Where possible, we will split houses by gender. If this is not possible and a shared house is required, you will be split by floor according to your gender (your gender according to your official documentation such as passport).

There are up to 4 participants to a room. Rooms are pre-allocated by the GLE team.

All participants are encouraged to socialise in the house day rooms, college common areas and outside, weather permitting, during allocated free time. Should participants require additional space under specific circumstances, such as a requirement to pray, this must be clearly identified on the application form. Each house will also have a quiet room that students can use.

Participants are expected to respect each other's space, and are not allowed to access any other rooms at any time. It is important that all participants respect this throughout the whole duration of the programme and ensure all participants and staff are made to feel comfortable at all times.

Note: If you have any concerns about any of the above, please contact us prior to arrival.

UNSUPERVISED AND FREE TIME

Participants will have a sleep-in pastoral supervisor and a member of the pastoral team will be available at all times. The welcome desk is also staffed 24/7.

Participants must complete all compulsory activities on the course, but will be permitted freedom to move independently around the campus during unstructured free time. Participants must strictly adhere to any curfews or other restrictions communicated by staff and only access designated areas of the campus.

Failure to adhere to rules and curfews may result in participants being removed from the programme.

CONTACTING HOME

We would like you to be immersed in this once in a lifetime experience. Make the most of every moment and live in the present. Try to avoid constantly communicating with people back home and instead use the time getting to know your new friends. At times, you may be asked to use your mobile phones during a session to carry out some project work or play some games. Facilitators may take your phone away if they believe you are not using it appropriately. Also, let your friends and family know your timetable so that they respect your time and don't bother you while you are enjoying a lesson or an activity.

Parents, please help us to immerse your child in the GLE course and minimise your communication with them and be mindful of times when they may not have access to their phones (lessons, activities etc).

CODE OF CONDUCT

Our code of conduct is written to protect everyone on the GLE course and make sure that we all have a happy and supported experience.

We will not tolerate:

- Leaving the residences after 10pm without prior staff consent
- Forceful projection of opinions
- Raised voices due to anger or strong feelings
- Impersonation or mockery
- Possession or use of cigarettes, alcohol or illegal drugs at any time either on or off Campus (the College is a completely smoke free zone)
- Bullying or persecution of any kind including online
- Inappropriate or foul language
- Violence
- Lack of respect for the general rules of the school
- Breach of health and safety rules and regulations
- Breaking our GLE course rules
- Theft

Anyone who breaks this code of conduct and causes distress to a fellow student or member of staff will be subject to the levelled rule breaking policy of the school.

BASIC SCHOOL RULES

- Do NOT add any member of staff to your social media account - they will say no! Instead, you can add @uwcatlanticexperience and @criticalengagement to your Instagram
- Do NOT take a photo or video of anyone without their permission
- Respect the buildings
- Respect the furniture
- Respect all staff
- Respect all activity providers
- Say 'please' and 'thank you' all the time, it is a part of British culture
- Be respectful towards all GLE course participants

SOCIAL INTERACTION

No violence/harassment/bullying of any kind towards participants, staff and members of the public will be tolerated on campus and off-campus throughout the whole duration of the course.

SEXUAL INTERACTION

No sexual interaction of any kind will be permitted on campus and off-campus throughout the whole duration of the course. Access to other participants' dorms will not be permitted. Participants are expected to use designated areas (eg. dayroom) to interact with each other when back in their houses.

PROPERTY AND LOCAL ENVIRONMENT

No damage to property and/or the local environment of any kind will be tolerated on campus and off-campus throughout the whole duration of the course. An inspection of the houses will be carried out before the course ends.

USE OF TECHNOLOGY

Free Wi-Fi is accessible on the campus to all participants, but participants are encouraged to limit its use in order to maximize face to face social interactions with peers.

Misconduct, including cyber violence/harassment/bullying using UWC Atlantic equipment and/or internet facilities, will not be tolerated throughout the whole duration of the course.

REMEMBER...

There will be times when all participants can relax in their accommodation. There is a day room with a TV in addition to a large space outside the houses to play games or relax outdoors. We suggest that participants use their free time to also prepare for the next activity or project.

During the offsite activities and excursions participants may be given the opportunity to enjoy semi-supervised free time with friends. Participants will be given a very clear area in which they can spend their time, and must stay in pairs or groups at all times. There will be a staff member patrolling the area and another staff member in a central location at all times.

ACTION: PHYSICAL AND OUTDOORS ACTIVITIES

The GLE programme will involve a wide and diverse range of activities including an outdoor and action learning programme. This may include activities on land, water, underground, and those based on the sea. UWC Atlantic has a range of on-site facilities (e.g. climbing wall, swimming pool), and it also benefits from its coastal location.

Taking part in any adventurous activity involves some element of risk and it is not possible to totally eliminate them all. The management of safety is the shared responsibility of the participant, parent/guardian and GLE/other appointed staff. Where the risks are managed effectively, a balance is achieved between having fun, learning and everyone's safety.

INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE

OUR COMMITMENT TO SAFETY

Atlantic Experience is a College department with specific responsibility for outdoor and adventure activities. As part of its safe management our qualified staff will provide risk-managed activities. Our safety management system is externally inspected by the Adventurous Activities Licensing Authority as per UK Regulations and Legislation. (License number R0118). In addition, we are an Approved Training Centre offering Royal Lifesaving Society Awards and Qualifications.

Should you wish to discuss any aspects of the outdoor, adventure and physical activity or if you have any questions about the delivery of the programme and/or service you can contact the Head of Atlantic Experience. Parents/guardians are entitled to withdraw participant consent for any aspect of our services/activities at any time by stating so in writing to the Head of Outdoors: info@uwcatlanticexperience.com

To ensure all participants and staff make the best out of this experience, we would appreciate it if you could reflect on these expectations which are to be respected and followed by everyone at all times. Should participants fail to adhere to these, parents/guardians would be informed and a decision of withdrawal from the programme may incur without prior warning. We hope you appreciate the physical, emotional well-being and safety of all participants and staff is our priority.

SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding all members of the UWC Atlantic and GLE community, and in particular our participants, is the main priority for us.

We affirm our commitment to the wellbeing and safety of all members of our community in reflection of UWC's core values of personal responsibility and integrity, autonomy and mutual responsibility, respect and compassion. We also affirm our full commitment to safeguarding and to promoting the wellbeing of all children and young people in the care of UWC schools, colleges, national committees, projects and educational programmes.

We confirm our belief in the right of all children to be protected from all forms of abuse, neglect, exploitation and violence, as set out in the UN Convention on the Rights of the child.

We welcome any member of the UWC Atlantic community, who wishes to report an experience of sexual misconduct, harm, abuse or neglect, to do so at any time. Individuals who choose to come forward can do so knowing that we are here to listen to whatever experience they choose to share, we will always take them seriously and will follow up to help ensure the safety of our whole community.

REPORTING CHANNELS

You can contact the College in the first instance by emailing our Programme Designated Safeguarding Lead safeguarding@uwcatlantic.org

To view the Safeguarding and Respectful Community Policy please click [here](#)

ACCESSIBILITY AND ADDITIONAL CARE

UWC Atlantic campus is set in the grounds of a medieval castle; there are many steps and narrow walkways. Moving around the campus could be challenging for people with limited mobility and/or fitness. Many of our activities are physical in nature and include walking, climbing, recreational games and more. We do not want this to be a barrier to participation and if you would like to discuss the accessibility of our campus and course programme, please get in touch.

UWC Atlantic is located in a rural setting, approximately 40 minutes from the nearest accident and emergency hospital. The wellbeing and safety of our community are very important to us. Applicants who have significant or ongoing medical needs (such as severe allergies, epilepsy, or other conditions that may require emergency care) are kindly asked to contact us before applying to discuss their individual care plan. This helps us ensure we can provide the most appropriate and supportive care possible, given our distance from emergency services.

MOBILE PHONE POLICY

Participants travelling independently are required to be contactable on a mobile phone. Therefore, you must ensure the participant is provided with a suitable device that can either be connected to wifi or has credit for international calling.

Participants arriving and departing with a parent/guardian, a mobile phone is not compulsory, however, during excursions, participants without a contactable device will remain chaperoned at all times by a member of the GLE team and will not be permitted independent free time when off campus.

To ensure participants are engaged and immersed in the GLE experience, we encourage participants to limit phone use for personal use to free time in evenings only. Please be aware, phones or tablets are often required for lessons to access material, carry out research and benefit from educational tools, however, appropriate use is monitored by teachers at all times. Phones may be confiscated by the teacher if not used appropriately.

Please support our phone use policy and contact participants only during the evening free period, unless you need to contact them urgently. Phones and tablets are not required at any time during campus activities and participants will be expected to leave their devices in their dormitories. Any devices used on activities may be confiscated. While on excursions, participants will not be permitted to use their devices while walking around on guided visits for safety reasons.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT IS THE APPLICATION PROCESS FOR GLE?

Unlike our other summer education programmes, GLE is open for applications between set dates at the start of the calendar year. All applications are then reviewed together straight after the closing date. Applicants are assessed on their eligibility and reflective question responses. Selection is made based on their responses to ensure not only are their ethics and motivation aligned to the UWC movement, but that they can provide diverse experiences, understanding and culture to the group.

All applicants are notified if they have been successful or not by early May.

HOW MANY PARTICIPANTS WILL THERE BE IN TOTAL?

There will be up to 50 participants for GLE and 30 participants for GLE junior.

WHAT LANGUAGES IS GLE DELIVERED IN?

The GLE programme is only delivered in the English language. Whilst there are many international participants and languages spoken at GLE, we encourage communication throughout the course to communicate in English so that conversations are inclusive for all. You must be able to communicate in English to participate in GLE.

WILL THE PARTICIPANTS RECEIVE A CERTIFICATE?

Yes, all participants, who complete the course will receive a certificate stating the course dates. GLE is an official UWC Short Course, therefore, on completion of the programme participants will be able to access resources of the UWC community (such as UWC Hub).

HOW ADVENTUROUS IS GLE?

Participants should be ready for a challenging social programme, which takes place indoors and outdoors. Participants should be prepared for, and willing to fully experience this challenge and be busy at most times of the day.

WHAT TYPES OF ACTIVITIES TAKE PLACE?

The UWC Atlantic College campus boasts its own beach, woodland, lake, modern indoor sports centre, concert/theatre venue, cinema, indoor and outdoor swimming pool, outdoor and indoor volleyball, climbing tower and a gym. Full use of these facilities will be made.

ARE THERE ANY EXCURSIONS?

Yes, excursions and activities off campus are a part of the GLE programme.

WHAT ABOUT BAD WEATHER?

We will attempt to fulfil all aspects of the social programme, despite adverse weather conditions. However, in the event that bad weather could pose any kind of risk to safety or the significant enjoyment of the participants, a substitute activity will be provided. Again, GLE is an action-based programme and participants should be aware that rain will not stop play!

HOW IS THE ACCOMMODATION SUPERVISED?

The supervision of the houses falls under the pastoral care of the UWC Atlantic team and facilitators will be available 24 hours a day in the case of emergency or needing to provide any type of care or support to the students.

WHAT ARE THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR MEALS?

Most meals will be enjoyed in the main cafeteria within the castle in the 'Harry Potter style' dining room. All dietary requirements can be catered for and a full range of hot and cold food is offered. There will also be snack points throughout the day appropriate to the timetable but will typically include an additional mid-morning and mid-afternoon snack.

On days when students take a full-day trip or need to set off early for an afternoon excursion, full packed meals will be provided.

WHAT IF A PARTICIPANT IS STILL HUNGRY?

In addition to the standard meal schedule, snacks will be made available in the common kitchen of each student house in the form of hot/cold drinks and also fruit spreads and bread late into the evening.

WHAT ARE THE GENERAL SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS?

UWC Atlantic College is a gated campus with 24-hour reception and participants will be clearly informed of the security arrangements as part of the first-day inductions. Participants will be strictly monitored at all times with attendance being taken at regular intervals of the day.

WHAT ARE THE SUPERVISION RATIOS?

The supervision ratio will differ depending on the activity. As a general rule, for adventure-based activities, the ratio is 1:10, for excursions/trips the ratio is 1:15.

HOW IS WRAP-AROUND CARE ORGANISED?

The wrap-around, comprehensive pastoral care package provided by GLE is a three-layered system, which covers all aspects of care outside of designated, supervised activity (lessons, activity sessions etc).

- Layer one: One member of staff is allocated to each house and is responsible for all students living in that house (nighttime, meal times, short free time sessions)
- Layer two: A Duty Management System at the campus ensures that an additional, Senior Staff Member is always on call, 24 hours a day, on a rota system
- Layer three: The 24-hour reception located on site would be mobilised in the case of needing supplementary first aid, in the case of any significant emergency or fire.

DO I NEED A PASSPORT AND VISA TO TRAVEL TO THE UK?

Yes, all foreign nationals entering the UK now require a passport (not only an identity card).

Should you need to apply for a VISA in advance, you should use your GLE course confirmation document, which you will receive when you have paid in full for your course.

Parents and Guardians are required to make their own, private travel arrangements to ensure the safe and legal arrival of their child in the UK at the specified airport ready for transfer to UWC Atlantic. We are not able to offer specific advice on any airline policy or entry UK requirements.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I BREAK THE RULES?

We will operate a colour coded (levelled) rule breaking system as follows:

Level 1 - Blue

Example: Being late or absent without excuse. Being disruptive in classes or on activity (including using mobile devices when asked not to). Being noisy. Not keeping your room tidy. Being casually rude or disobedient. Being disrespectful. Swearing. Not listening to people in authority.

Consequence of breaking Level 1 rules: Verbal warning and ongoing monitoring

Level 2 - Brown

Example: Repeated occurrence of any Level 1 rules being broken. Any destruction of any property at any time when on the course. Accessing rooms of the opposite sex. Heavy petting (heavy public displays of affection) at any time. Accessing accommodation, of the same sex, without permission. Total disregard of rules or curfews. Setting off any alarms for no good reason. Smoking or being in possession of cigarettes at any time during the course on or off campus. Going missing on campus.

Consequence of breaking Level 2 rules: Course Director informed. Head of UWC Atlantic Experience informed. Parents/guardians informed. Written notes taken and the participant is placed under strict monitoring until the end of the course.

Level 3 - Red

Example: Consumption of drugs or alcohol, including possessing these substances. Breaking the law. Threatening, intimidating, hurting or bullying any other person at any time. Sexual intimacy, including sexual intercourse. Going missing on external activities or excursions. Staying away overnight. Gross destruction of property. Endangering yourself or others.

Consequence: All managers informed, including the Head of UWC Atlantic College. Parents/guardians informed. Police will be called in the case of law breaking or going missing. Immediate removal from the course. Parents/guardians must make arrangements to assist with the removal of the participant from the course as soon as possible. No refunds will be given under any circumstances.

WHAT ARE THE FULL TERMS AND CONDITIONS?

This FAQ document forms the basis of our core GLE terms and conditions. In addition, GLE falls under the umbrella of all summer programmes taking place at UWC Atlantic Experience and as such is governed by the standard terms and conditions of all summer courses at the College, a copy of which will be provided.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Please apply through the UWC Atlantic website by completing the application form before the closing date. If you require financial support, you must indicate this on the form. Please note, scholarship places are limited and highly competitive, so it is recommended that you apply for the scholarship only if you are unable to cover the full course fee. You cannot apply to both and the application cannot be transferred. Financial support is available for the course fee only.

WHEN IS PAYMENT REQUIRED?

Once your GLE application is approved, you will be issued an invoice that you must pay within 14 days via the payment link on the invoice. If you require a payment plan, please speak to us in advance. On a case-by-case basis, if we are able to offer flexible payment terms, full payment would still need to be received 5 weeks before the start of the programme.

When we receive your full fees you will be issued a booking confirmation letter that can be used for visa applications. Should you require payment in instalments, please contact us directly to discuss this further so that it does not delay your visa application.

ARE FEES NON-REFUNDABLE?

All fees are non-refundable from the point of payment, however, please note the benefits of the included insurance policy. Full policy documents are available on the UWC Atlantic GLE webpage.

ARE SCHOLARSHIP PLACES AVAILABLE?

Yes. There are a limited number of scholarship places available. This financial support applies only to the course fee and does not contribute to travel or other costs. Therefore, those on a scholarship will be expected to pay the remainder of the course fee not covered, plus any other costs such as travel, additional insurance, etc.

HOW DO I APPLY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP?

Should you wish to apply for a scholarship, you must complete the application form and highlight financial assistance requirements on the form.

CAN I APPLY VIA BOTH THE SELF-FUNDED AND SCHOLARSHIP ROUTE?

No. You should only apply via the scholarship route if you require the financial support. Scholarship places are limited, therefore this route is a lot more competitive. If you are not accepted for a scholarship, you cannot transfer your application to the self-funded route if you are not successful, so please carefully consider if the scholarship route is the best option for you.

I HAVE OTHER COMMITMENTS. CAN I ONLY ATTEND PART OF THE PROGRAMME?

No. When applying, you must be able to commit to the full period of the GLE programme and we cannot authorise temporary leave from the course, neither joining late or leaving early. It is important for all the experience of all the participants that everyone is committed fully to the programme.

ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS?

Please email us on gle@uwcatlanticexperience.com for any further queries and we will get back to you as soon as we can!