

## 1981 REUNION

### 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](mailto:reunions@uwcatlanticexperience.com), and we'll be happy to assist.

## TICKETS

### When is the 1981 reunion?

The 1981 reunion takes place from Thursday 13th - Sunday 16th August 2026.

### How do I book tickets?

Information about the reunion event can be found here:

<https://uwcatlanticexperience.com/experiences/uwc-atlantic-alumni/5-year-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 Friday 27th February 2026, 9am GMT (UK time).

### What is the deadline to book?

Booking for all reunion weekends strictly closes on 30th June 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 30th June 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](mailto:reunions@uwcatlanticexperience.com).

### What is the cost of tickets?

£370 per person to include accommodation, activities, breakfast, lunch, dinner, coach to/from the Swan, 3 course meal and other additional items throughout the weekend.

**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.

**Do the reunions generate revenue?**

Yes. Any surplus revenue generated goes towards the financial sustainability of the College, such as much-needed repair works to our old buildings.

**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 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>

## ACCOMMODATION

**Can I choose who to share a dorm with?**

Year reps will be allocating bedrooms. For queries around bedroom allocations, please contact your year rep directly.

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

During your stay on campus, we will also house our summer education programme. Unfortunately for this reason, we cannot allocate you to the same houses as when you lived at Atlantic College.

**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 such

as towels, toiletries and hairdryers. 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.

## **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](mailto: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.

## **CATERING AND BARS**

### **What catering and refreshments are provided?**

Guests will be provided with meals from dinner time on Thursday to breakfast on Sunday (excluding Friday evening dinner).

Vending machines onsite sell healthy soft drinks and snacks are located at the seafront and sports Hall. Additionally, a coffee vending machine is also available at the seafront and tea/coffee will be served during some scheduled activities.

Due to the presence of youth groups on campus on Thursday and Friday, an alcoholic bar will not be available during this time. However, drinks will be provided, and a bar will be available at the Thursday class reception (contained within the reception space). You will also have the option to purchase drinks packages for delivery to your accommodation.

From Saturday afternoon, once the groups have departed, alcoholic drinks may be enjoyed on the Top Lawn during your drinks reception, and a bar will be available for your formal dinner.

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.

### **Where do we have meals?**

Meals take place in the Dining Hall unless otherwise specified during the times advertised. Meal times are shared with other groups on campus which include young people, so we ask that once you have finished eating you vacate the Dining Hall to make space for others to eat.

### **Can we bring our own alcohol on campus?**

Guests are kindly asked not to bring their own alcohol and to use the bars (when provided) on campus, or alternatively, purchase packages to be delivered to the house.

Please ensure all alcohol is consumed within the designated event areas.

## **PHOTOS**

### **Will there be an official photographer for the weekend?**

There will not be an official photographer during the reunion weekend, but we would encourage you to take pictures and share these with the College. We can add these to one central album and share them with the year group.

As part of the programme, we will take an official year photo.

## 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 on campus. 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 shared with you on arrival.

### **Will the College shop be open?**

Yes - details of time are included in the programme. 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.

### **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.

## 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
- Veezu: <https://www.veezu.co.uk/bridgend>

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. 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 registration area.

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. If you are arriving by car, we recommend you leave your luggage in the car and not bring it to registration - the car park is nearer to your accommodation rather than the registration area. Guests arriving by public transport can also leave their luggage at Main Reception temporarily during registration.

Registration is open from 3pm-8pm. After this time, the Main Reception will handle registration and is open 24/7.

## **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. 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.

### **What activities are available, and are they included?**

A range of activities is included in the programme at no additional cost. Appropriate wear may be 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.

**Will there be a festival on campus at the same time?**

Unfortunately, it was mentioned that the Street Food Circus (SFC) would take place during the same weekend as the reunion. The SFC have since changed dates, therefore, there will be no festival on campus during your visit.

## 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 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](mailto: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](mailto:philanthropy@uwcatlantic.org).

## SAFETY IN OUR COMMUNITY

### **Will there be other groups on campus?**

The reunion takes place during the College's summer education programme, therefore there will be young people staying on campus in our care. In line with our safeguarding policy, you can only walk around in the areas specified on the campus map as areas designated for the reunion programme.

At no point will you be able to visit the College houses occupied by young people or classrooms/facilities when lessons and activities are taking place. We respectfully ask that you adhere to the rules that are put in place to provide safety to our students. You can view our safeguarding policy [here](#).

### **Where can we drink alcohol?**

Due to the presence of youth groups on campus on Thursday and Friday, an alcoholic bar will not be available during this time. However, drinks will be provided, and a bar will be available at the Thursday class reception (contained within the reception space). You will also have the option to purchase drinks packages for delivery to your accommodation.

From Saturday afternoon, once the groups have departed, alcoholic drinks may be enjoyed on the Top Lawn during your drinks reception, and a bar will be available for your formal dinner.

Please help us to prioritise the safety of young people in our care and ensure that no alcohol is consumed outside of the designated event space, or accommodation, particular from Thursday - Saturday midday.

### **Conduct expectations**

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.