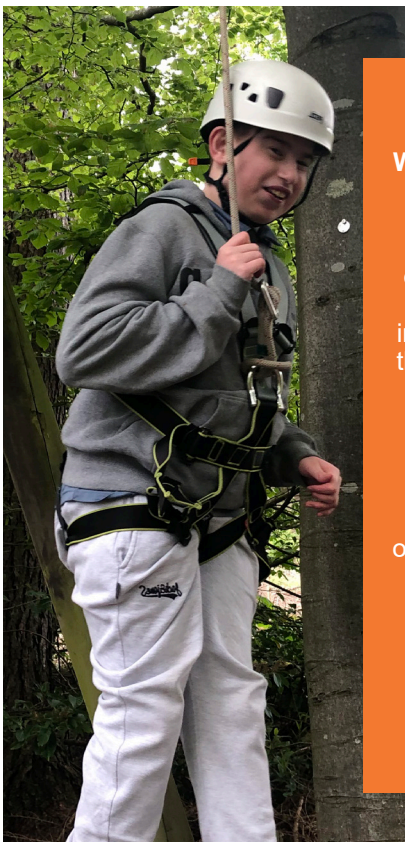


## PCHS&C's UNIQUE SOLUTION

In recent years PCHS&C has actively encouraged all year 8 & 9 students who are physically and cognitively able to access a 3 day residential at an Outward Bound Centre in Ullswater. This has been supported by a combination of specialist instructors based at the centre and the school's own staff (at a higher proportion than mainstream schools would require). All staff are paid their regular salary but give up their own non-working hours for no additional recompense. This experience offers these students positive tailored social interaction, team building and adventure activities, unlike the majority have ever experienced before.

For students with more complex needs, a week long residential has been facilitated to a purpose built centre in the Lake District. Due to the high level and complexity of these student's needs, this residential has to be staffed at a minimum of a 1-2-1 basis. The physical and sensory experience for these students in the company of their peers and staff they trust is exceptionally positive.



## WHY US? WHY NOW?

**We Can...** supports PCHS&C as the only special school and college for students aged 11-19 years with generic learning difficulties within the community of Pendle. Their students have established close relationships with their highly specialist staff. Because of this, outside of the immediate family, they are the only viable option that parents would consider trusting to take their children away from home over night.

**We Can...** wishes to sustain the offer of residential experiences for all students at PCHS&C throughout their education. Up until now, Outward Bound residential have been offered to more able year 8-9 students each year and a small number of students with the most complex medical and learning disabilities have had access to residential every other year. These experiences are not funded through the school's core education budget and therefore they are unable to continue to provide these without additional financial means.

## WHAT DO WE NEED?

PCHS&C charge parents in employment £200 and those who are on benefits £20. The rest is supplemented by Pupil Premium Grant monies (provided to school for low income families). Many of these low income families however, still struggle to find and prioritise this money. The true cost of each residential, especially for those with complex needs, is significantly higher than this. To date, PCHS&C have subsidised this by ad-hoc fund raising opportunities, but this is not sustainable moving forward. This is where **We Can...** aims to help.

For students with the most complex needs, to attend a week long residential in the Lake District in a bespoke setting with a member of staff costs £650. As school are charging working parents £200, they need to raise £450 for each of the 6 students and 6 staff for each residential i.e. around £2,700 per trip. This opportunity is currently provided only once during the child's education at PCHS&C, but they would like to enable this more often.

PCHS&C already accesses charitable subsidy and means tested bursaries to support students who are able to access the Outward Bound Centre in Ullswater. However, the cost for 24 students remains at around £5,000. Again, school charges working parents £200, but an increasing number of low income families cannot afford to pay this, so a further reduced cost of £100 would enable the majority of families to be able to attend, without causing excessive financial pressures.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

**We Can...Charitable Trust** are reaching out to our local community to help raise the money needed for PCHS&C to continue providing these incredible experiences. By choosing one of our donation options below, you will be contributing to providing PCHS&C students with opportunities they otherwise may never experience.

**£100**

Enables 1 child from a low income family to access Outward Bound for 3 days

**£225**

Contributes half of the cost towards a week long residential for a child with the most complex medical & learning needs with a member of staff

**£450**

Enables one child with the most complex medical & learning needs to access a valuable week long residential opportunity with a member of staff

**Please get in touch today using the contact details on the reverse if you would like to pledge your support to this worthwhile cause.**



## Residential Visits

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**THE ISSUE**  
Many of our families are unable to work due to the complexity of children's needs, or are employed in low paid, part time jobs, and simply cannot afford to take children away on holiday. Many are also anxious about taking their children away, and worried about how they might cope in unfamiliar environments especially alongside other members of the public. This in turn becomes harder work for parents and far removed from a relaxing family holiday. The vast number of our students have never been away from their families over night as they cannot access general sleep-overs like many children of similar age. Families similarly would rarely get a break from their children over night.

Pendle Community High School and college (PCHS&C) is the only community special learning and college for students aged 11-19 years with generic learning and difficulties, which serves the whole community of Pendle. We are an OFSTED outstanding quality provision and we genuinely strive to deliver the highest quality standard possible within our core offer and associated budget. Students who attend PCHS&C vary in the extent of their learning needs from moderate to severe and more profound and complex needs (SEN) which can include autism, speech, language and communication needs, physical health impairments and medical needs, visual, hearing and multi-sensory impairments and social, emotional and mental health difficulties. All of our students have an Educational Health & Care Plan, which stipulates that their needs can only be met in a specialist setting, as would be too complex for their local mainstream school. Pendle Community High School and college (PCHS&C) is the only community special learning and college for students aged 11-19 years with generic learning and difficulties, which serves the whole community of Pendle. We are an OFSTED outstanding quality provision and we genuinely strive to deliver the highest quality standard possible within our core offer and associated budget.

## Case for Support

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