



Headteacher:

Dr R P Petrie BSc PhD

Dear Parents, Carers and Students

Thank you for applying for a place at Cockermouth School Sixth Form. I am writing to provide you with further information about the procedure for joining us in September 2017.

We have now finished our Guidance Meetings and I am able to confirm our option blocks for 2017-18. You will find these below:

Block A	Block B	Block C	Block D
Chemistry	Biology	Applied Science	Art
Computer Science	French	Chemistry	Business Studies
English Language	Further Maths	Maths	Further Maths
English Literature	HSC	Physics	History
Geography	Maths	RS	Maths
PE	Psychology	Spanish	
Psychology			

The following subjects will not be running in Year 12 in September: IT, Design Technology, Drama, German and Music. English Combined will not be running but students will be able to study English Language and/or English Literature as separate A Levels.

According to our records, we will be able to accommodate your subject choice. Most students will take three subjects, choosing one subject from three of the blocks. Students who achieve predominantly A and A* grades at GCSE will be encouraged to consider taking four subjects.

We hope that students will have made well-considered choices and will achieve the grades necessary to study these subjects in September. We are aware that there may be a small number of students who, for very good reasons, may wish to discuss changes to their subject choices. This may be because career plans have changed or because a student's GCSE results are not as expected.

If you would like to discuss any changes to your subject choices, there are a number of opportunities for you to make an appointment to speak with a member of the Sixth Form Team.

Before **Friday 7 July** – Please contact Mrs Cameron at school on 01900 898888 or via email at camerons@cockermouthschool.org to arrange a meeting.

Enrolment Day on **Tuesday 18 July** – By the end of this day, students should have finalised their Year 12 subject choices. There will be opportunities during the day to speak to a senior member of staff about your options. Further details about the format of Enrolment Day can be found with this letter. If you are unable to attend, please inform Mrs Cameron in the Admin Office (01900 898888 or camerons@cockermouthschool.org) and we will provide you with the necessary paperwork to be completed before you start in September.

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Results Day on **Thursday 24 August** – If you are at present at another school, please call us to confirm your GCSE results on results day. If you do not achieve the grades necessary to study one or more of your subject choices and you would still like to be considered for a place at Cockermouth School Sixth Form, you will need to arrange a meeting with a member of the Sixth Form team or a senior member of staff. The phone number to contact us on results day will be 01900 898882. If you are unable to make contact on this number, please leave a message on the school answering machine (01900 898888) and someone will call you back as soon as possible.

Tuesday 5 September – Year 12 students start school at **8:45am**. On this first day, you will formally register, sign up for the enrichment programme and take part in a Study Skills for Sixth Form session in preparation for beginning your courses. We do not expect to be dealing with any more subject changes at this point.

I wish you the best of luck as you complete the remainder of your GCSE exams and look forward to meeting you on Enrolment Day and to welcoming you into the Sixth Form in September.

Yours sincerely



Mrs C Dumbill
Assistant Headteacher – Head of Key Stage 5

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