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Dear Parent/Carer

Headteacher:
Dr R P Petrie BSc PhD

COCKERMOUTH SCHOOL INTAKE - SEPTEMBER 2019

In September of this year your son or daughter will be transferring to Cockermouth School and, as you know from the school prospectus, our aim is to make the move to secondary school as successful as possible. Background preparations began last November through contact with the primary schools, but the programme of getting to know our new students in person begins this month. As Head of Year 7, part of my responsibility is the welfare and progress of new students.

At present we are visiting each catchment school, meeting the Intake students, providing them with information on life at Cockermouth School and discussing the similarities and differences between the school they attend now and Cockermouth School.

Our Intake Days this year will be Tuesday 25 and Wednesday 26 June. The students arrive for the start of the day at 8.40am and leave at 3.30pm, spending the day in their new Form, meeting friends and new teachers and getting to know their way around the building. This arrangement will allow students to experience life in a secondary school, in preparation for September.

I include below information to help with the smooth running of the days.

- 1. TRANSPORT** It is the responsibility of parents to arrange transport to and from school. If your child lives within our catchment area and will travel by bus, it may be possible for students to use school transport on the Intake Days. Requests for transport have already been collected and, where we are unable to allocate a seat, those parents will be notified in due course and asked to make their own arrangements.
- 2. ARRIVAL** All students will be met at the front of the building on Castlegate Drive and taken to the West Wing. Students from Cockermouth should not arrive before 8.30am.
- 3. DRESS** Students should dress sensibly and neatly for this visit, in clothes they would normally wear in junior school – Cockermouth School uniform is not required until September.
- 4. LUNCHESES** Students may have lunch at school or bring a packed lunch to eat in the dining hall. About £2.50 will buy an adequate lunch. Students who are entitled to free dinners will be able to have a meal without payment on that day. We request that, where possible, students who bring packed lunches avoid any foods containing nuts as we have a student in school who suffers from a severe nut allergy.
- 5. EQUIPMENT** Each student should bring a pencil, pen, ruler, rubber, a few coloured pencils and, if possible, a water bottle so that they may have a drink of water during the day. A pair of trainers will be required for a PE lesson.
- 6. ACTIVITIES** There will be a year group assembly, written work, games and discussion about life in a secondary school in form tutor groups. There will also be English, Maths, Science, Languages and PE lessons.
- 7. DEPARTURE** The Cockermouth School day ends at 3.30pm. Students can make their own way home or you may collect them. If you will be collecting your son/daughter by car, please don't drive onto the school site but, in the interests of student safety, arrange to meet them on Castlegate Drive.

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We hope your child enjoys his or her taste of secondary school life and will look forward to joining us in September.

For the parents of Intake students, we shall be holding a meeting on Wednesday 26 June, in the Main Hall, as a follow-up to the students' days. It is important that you attend this meeting, even if you have already had older sons and daughters in this school, as there is always the necessary paperwork to complete. Attendance will help your child with the change from primary to secondary school. If it is really not possible for you to attend, please let us know so that we can make alternative arrangements for you to come to school.

This meeting is always very well attended but it is intended for parents, not for students and is arranged in two parts to cope with large numbers.

For parents whose child's surname begins with the letters A to L, the pattern of the evening is:

- 4.30pm start.
- Meeting in the Hall from 4.30 to 5.15pm with Headteacher and senior staff.
- Meetings with the Form staff in the West Wing [5.15 - 5.45pm].
- From 5.45pm tea in the Sixth Form area, with the chance to view uniform and other relevant displays.

For parents whose child's surname begins with the letters M to Z, the pattern of the evening is:

- Tea in the Sixth Form area between 5.00 and 5.30pm with the chance to view displays.
- Meeting in Hall 5.30 to 6.15pm with Headteacher and senior staff.
- Meetings with the Form staff in the West Wing [6.15 - 6.45pm].

Parking areas will be at capacity throughout the evening. We ask for your support in parking safely and with care not to block anyone else's exit.

You will be required during the evening to complete the formal admission papers. Please bring a pen and the following information:

- Home address and telephone number.
- Name, address and telephone number of 2 emergency contacts who can be reached when there is no one at home.
- Doctor's name and telephone number.
- Lunch arrangements for your son or daughter for September [school meal or packed lunch].

During the evening we shall be giving you details of our five key values. This is a development to support the welfare of all students and to outline the responsibilities and expectations we share for good behaviour in our community.

In addition there will be an opportunity for you to:

- meet some staff who will be important in your child's school life,
- learn about school routines to help your child,
- view displays of school uniform from local suppliers,
- meet with other Year 7 parents over tea,
- find out about the activities of the Cockermouth School and Community Association, of which you are automatically members,
- purchase items.

Thank you for taking time to read about all the arrangements. We hope both you and your children will have a happy and successful association with our school.

Yours sincerely



Mrs A R Fox
Head of Year 7

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