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Dear Prospective Parent/Carer,

It is always a pleasure to welcome new students and parents to our school each September. The first step along that journey involves you finding out about us and what we have to offer your child.

We are hopeful that our annual Open Evening for Year 6 students on **Thursday 23rd September** from 6.00pm and we would be delighted if you and your child could join us on this evening. You will have the opportunity to look around the school, to hear about us, as well as meet our students and teaching staff. It will also be an opportunity for you to ask any questions that you have. Further information will be forwarded to your child's school in September.

You can find out more about our school by visiting the "Information for current Year 5 students" tab of our website www.Caldew.Cumbria.sch.uk. There you will find a short virtual tour featuring some of our current Year 7 students and a frequently asked questions section.

Caldew School caters for approximately 1000 students aged 11-18 years and we offer a wide range of courses to match students' diverse strengths and interests. We encourage our students to "Aspire – Believe – Achieve" by teaching them to aim high, to show dedication to their studies and achieve their personal best in all they do. Academic success is important and we place a high premium on equipping our students with the qualifications and skills they will need for their future working lives. As well as the core academic life of the school, students are also given every opportunity to grow as individuals. A wide range of extra-curricular activities are on offer, including sport, music, drama, trips, the Duke of Edinburgh scheme, community and charity work, Young Enterprise and National Citizenship Award, these play a very important part in the culture of our school.

We are proud of our strong track record of good exam results at both GCSE and A level. At GCSE in 2018 and 2019 the attainment of our students was above the average for both national and local schools and the progress that our students made was the highest across the city. The number of students achieving Maths and English was strong at both grade 4 and grade 5 and in line with national results. Results in Science increased significantly over the past few years and were consistently above national averages. At A level our results are consistently good and our students move onto university, higher level apprenticeship or jobs with training.

However, we are not complacent and we will continue to work hard with parents, students and the local community to improve outcomes for all our students. We have high aspirations for all our students, we encourage them to believe in themselves to fulfil their potential.

Although outcomes are important we believe that education should do more than this. It should help young people develop as happy individuals, acquiring the skills, opinions, confidence and resilience necessary to prepare them for their futures. We are committed to ensuring that our curriculum stays broad and balanced and that we continue to offer the full range of subjects including the Arts and languages along with our extra-curricular programme.

We look forward to welcoming you at our Open Evening.

Yours faithfully,



Ms Vicki Jackson
Headteacher

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