

20 December 2024



**Headteacher:**  
Mr R J King BSc

Dear Parents and Carers

As we break up for the Christmas holidays, I wanted to take a moment to extend my warmest wishes to you and your families.

Reflecting on this first term of the year, I am incredibly proud of the achievements and progress our students have made. Their hard work, resilience, and enthusiasm have been truly inspiring.

It has, as always, been a privilege to welcome our new Year 7 students into our school community and see how quickly they have settled into the routines of secondary school, both in and out of the classroom. They have grown in confidence and been well supported by our older students as they have settled in. We can't wait to see what they can achieve as they develop and grow over the next few years.

Throughout the term students have not only been engaged in their learning but also made the most of the amazing variety of extra-curricular activities, clubs, trips and opportunities to volunteer. Within the last couple of weeks we have seen students taking part in our Carol Service at Christ Church, inter-form cross-country, students leading an incredible collection of donation for the Food Bank, rehearsals continuing for our school production of Grease (tickets available in the New Year!), our Engineering students visiting M-Sport, Year 7 and 13 working with author and mountaineer Matt Dickinson, a group of Year 12 students launching a balloon to the edge of space, and students from our Literacy Programme treated to a trip to Whinlatter Forest – The list goes on!

### **Include:Community:Aspire:Respect:Enjoy**

We are very fortunate to have a large number of students who excel in school on a daily basis. So far this year over 76,000 Achievement points have been given to students to acknowledge excellence, attitude and commitment to our school values.

Today I had the privilege of meeting with some of our Year 7 gold award winners from the Autumn Term – well done to all of our award winners and all of the students who make our school such a great community to be part of.



### **Confirmed Exam results:**

We are delighted that our confirmed exam results place us consistently in the top category of Cumberland schools for the sixth year in a row at GCSE. This, combined with the outstanding results achieved by our Sixth Form students, demonstrates again how well students attending Cockermouth School achieve.

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It is really important to us that we continue to improve how we share some of what we do in school and the amazing achievements of those in our school community. As part of our work, our new school website is now live. This change has been made to further improve your ability to access up to date information about the school and now includes: links to social media feeds, events calendar and an improved page for parents and carers to access information. Please do take a look and follow us on social media. We will be continuing to develop the website throughout the year so please email any suggestions for improvements to [marketing@cockermouthschool.org](mailto:marketing@cockermouthschool.org).

As always, thank you for your ongoing support of the school as we work together to support your child in their education and personal development. As our students and staff enjoy a well-deserved holiday, I hope you find time to relax and enjoy the company of family and friends.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R J King', written in a cursive style.

**Mr R J King**  
**Headteacher**