



Cumberland School



Witherslack Group

A broad, balanced and differentiated curriculum ...



tailored to pupils' individual needs



Welcome to Cumberland School...

Cumberland School is a day school for girls and boys aged 11-16 who have behavioural, emotional, social and associated learning difficulties. The school aims to provide a quality secondary curriculum to young people who need a more specialised environment in order to meet their potential academic and social development.

The school motto is simply 'RESPECT', by which everyone strives to help the children learn to respect their environment, their own belongings, other people's opinions and needs, and themselves.

"Students benefit from very small class sizes in the amount of individual attention they receive and in being able to demonstrate what they know and can do."

Ofsted 2009





Caring...

Cumberland School provides a happy and caring environment in which achievements are recognised and rewarded, and in which each student is encouraged to feel a positive sense of 'belonging'. Students are constantly encouraged to meet and overcome challenges, and to reach their maximum potential.

The school encourages healthy lifestyles through the lunch menus and through physical and recreational activities. All the children are regularly screened by a visiting dentist and optician, and general health is monitored by our Pastoral Care team. Any recommendations for treatment are subsequently made to the parents or carers.

"The good relationships between students and staff ensure that students grow in self-confidence, and that their attitudes to learning improve." Ofsted

"Students are cared for well by staff who are skilled in helping them improve their behaviour." Ofsted



...environment

At Cumberland School, we support children in their developmental and social progress, as well as their academic achievements. Each person in the school is valued and the students have their own School Council, which meets on a regular basis to discuss issues and ideas which are important to the well-being of the student body.

The school offers a full range of National Curriculum subjects and has specialist facilities and teachers for Design and Technology, Science, Food Technology, Art and Design, Physical Education, Music and Outdoor Pursuits. Through the BEST curriculum, young people with emotional and social problems receive regular one-to-one support from experienced pastoral staff.

“ The environment for learning is good. Students make good progress, following an interesting curriculum, taught by specialist staff in bright, modern classrooms.” Ofsted

“ The School Council is playing an increasing role in deciding on school improvements.” Ofsted



Active...

The school offers a wide range of practical curriculum opportunities as well as regular off-site visits and activities. This enables our young people to achieve in a range of areas in a wide variety of environments, so enhancing their self-esteem and confidence.

The school offers a diverse range of activities, which include sailing, music lessons, fell-walking, college link days, charity fund raising events and the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme.

“The curriculum is good, broad and balanced and it meets students needs well.”

Ofsted

“He is doing very well at Cumberland School. He is becoming more mature and responsible, we think the school will be the making of him.”

Parent

...curriculum

All pupils at Cumberland School have access to the National Curriculum, vocational courses, ASDAN and opportunities to participate in a range of outdoor pursuits and activities. Sports, music and drama figure in the optional activities offered to the pupils, as well as featuring on the curriculum.

At Cumberland we recognise all our pupils are individuals and have different needs relating to their social, emotional and behavioural development.

“Teachers prepare interesting lessons. The best are challenging, encourage students to get really involved and offer a personal response to the subject matter.” Ofsted

“They appreciate the relevance of ICT work and activities to their future options.” Ofsted





Learning...

All subjects are taught by subject specialists who are supported by classroom assistants. Pupils with specific difficulties and those with delayed literacy and numeracy benefit from individual tuition and support. All pupils are taught in small class groups and together with a high staff:pupil ratio, ensures their educational progress and personal developments.

As a staff team with a wealth of experience and qualifications and the input from our own educational psychologist, councillor, speech and language and occupational therapist we are able to provide comprehensive individual programmes which run alongside class teaching to support our pupils.

“He now likes going to school. Cumberland have been a great help and we are kept up to date with everything.”

Parent

“She is enjoying school and her reading and writing skills have improved.”

Parent



...support

Young people who have had problems with school attendance or who have found it difficult to cope in mainstream schools, receive the necessary support and encouragement to attend school regularly.

At Cumberland we have a range of abilities from low to gifted and talented. Our Ofsted report reflects the achievements our students make. As we take into account the whole pupil we are enabling them to achieve success.

Home-school liaison is a vital part of our work, and relationships, communications and meetings between the staff of the school and the parents/carers are regular and effective.

“Teaching and assessment are good.”

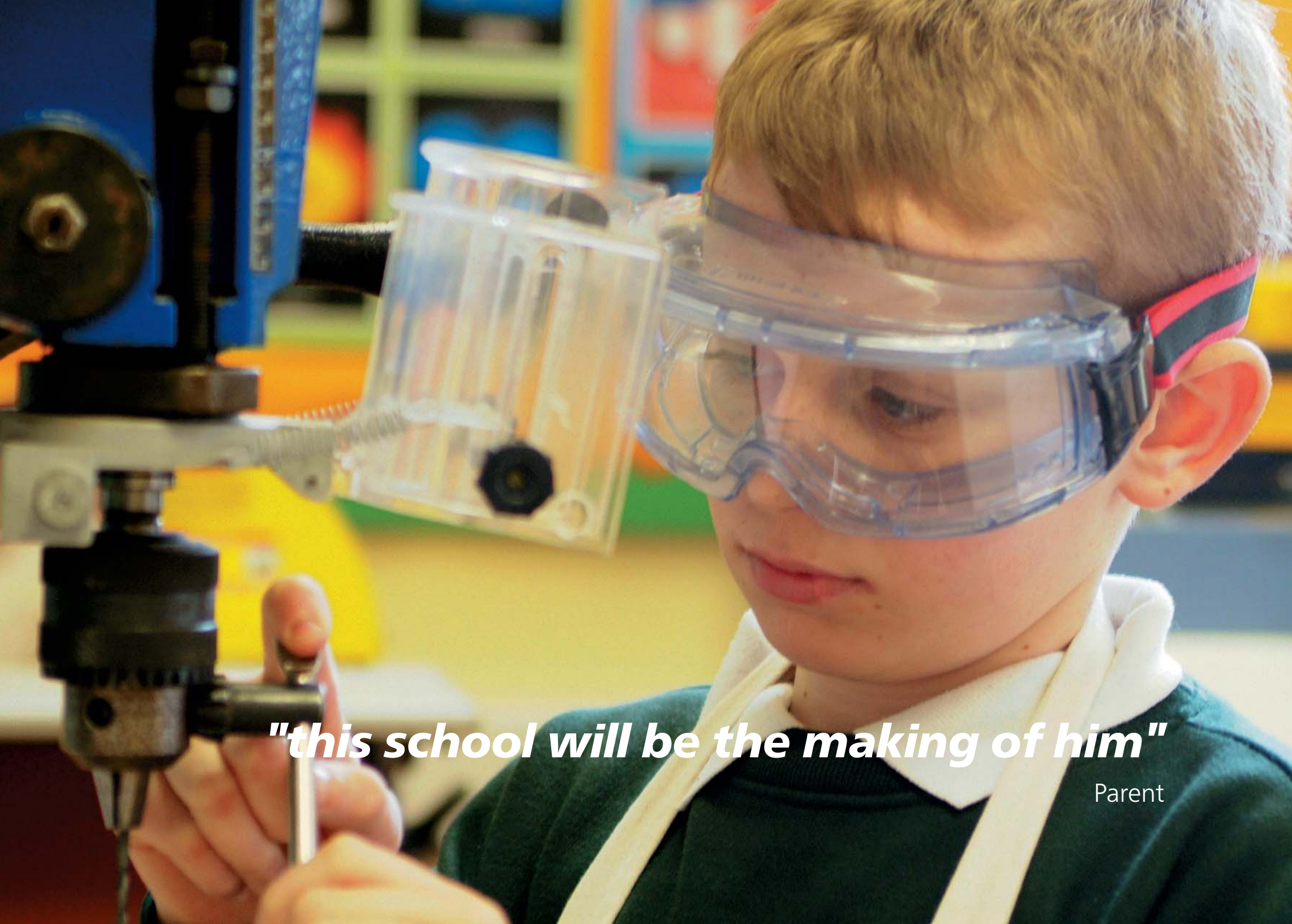
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“I have very good communication with Cumberland School. I find it very easy to talk to all the staff.”

Parent

“Support and communication from Cumberland School are excellent.”

Parent



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