



# PRIMARY LIAISON

## **Introduction**

Cumberland School Specialist Sports and Applied Learning College recognises the importance of close liaison with primary schools and curriculum continuity between Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 3.

Cumberland School Specialist Sports and Applied Learning College has main feeder primary schools which are Kaizan, Hallsville, Tollgate, Kier Hardie and Ravenscroft. Cumberland also receives pupils from over twenty other primary schools each year.

It is within our main feeder schools that most of our work is centered.

## **Aims**

- To develop a working relationship between Cumberland School Specialist Sports and Applied Learning College and the primary schools enabling the transition from primary to secondary school to be as seamless as possible.
- To provide all pupils from our feeder schools the opportunity to visit Cumberland School Specialist Sports and Applied Learning College.
- To offer parent/carers of pupils in our feeder schools the opportunity to visit the school.
- To liaise with teachers of Year 6 pupils to obtain all relevant information about pupils coming to Cumberland so that we are prepared to meet individual needs.
- To work with teachers from primary schools to enable them and their pupils to use our facilities.

During the Autumn Term Cumberland School Specialist Sports and Applied Learning College produces its prospectus which is made available to parent/carers of Year 6 pupils looking to choose a secondary school.

In October there is an open evening. Cumberland provides parent/carers and Year 6 pupils, the opportunity to visit the school and tour the site. Staff and prefects are available to answer questions and the Headteacher gives an informal introduction to the school.

In May, Year 5 classes from our main feeder schools visit Cumberland for an afternoon to participate in an ICT project.

Once pupil allocations are received from the LA, the SENCO writes to all primary schools requesting key data. The Year 7 Co-ordinator and the SEN Team visit the primary schools to gather information about the pupils. All pupils in main feeder schools are visited by the Year 7 at their primary school for a question and answer session designed to allay anxieties about the move to secondary school.

Pupils and their parents/carers are invited into the school for an interview to check personal details for our records and to sign a home school agreement form. The interview provides another opportunity for pupils and parent/carers to ask questions about the transfer process.

The Assistant Headteacher for Year 7 and the SEN Team work together to allocate incoming pupils into tutor groups. In July there is an induction day for the incoming Year 7 pupils. The children are met by the Year 7 Co-ordinator directed into their tutor groups and participate in a number of taster lessons.