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9th November 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

Central Academy Sixth Form

As our Year 11 students begin to consider their next steps, I wanted to take the opportunity to share information about the excellent further education provision available at Central Academy.

Whilst Morton Academy does not currently offer a Sixth Form, I am proud that our students have access to another education provider within the United Learning family. Central Academy shares the same commitment to ambition, opportunity and educational excellence that underpins our work, and provides a familiar environment in which our students can continue to thrive in a home from home.

Many of our students have successfully progressed to Central Academy over recent years and have gone on to achieve excellent outcomes, securing places at university, higher and degree apprenticeships, and employment. The strong partnership between our academies ensures that students are known, supported and well prepared for the transition.

I know that choosing where to continue education after Year 11 is an important decision for both students and families. I am therefore pleased to share the following invitation from Mr Markham, which provides an opportunity to learn more about the outstanding opportunities available at Central Academy Sixth Form.

AN INVITATION TO OUR SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING
Thursday 26th November – 16:00 to 18:00

Discover Your Future at Central Academy

We are delighted to invite you and your child to our Sixth Form Open Evening at Central Academy, where you can explore the wide range of opportunities available to students as they take the next step beyond Year 11.

As our sister academy within United Learning, we are particularly pleased to welcome students from Morton Academy. Our Sixth Form offers an exciting opportunity for students to continue their educational journey in an ambitious, supportive and high-performing environment, while benefiting from the values, expectations and commitment to excellence that unite our academies.

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Outstanding Academic Success

Following our exceptional examination results in 2026, Central Academy is the highest-performing school in the local area across all Key Stage 5 performance measures. This achievement reflects the dedication of our students, the expertise of our staff and our unwavering commitment to ensuring every young person fulfils their potential.

We offer a broad and ambitious curriculum, with an extensive range of A-Level and vocational qualifications. This allows students to choose pathways that align with their interests, strengths and future aspirations. Whether students are aiming for university, higher or degree apprenticeships, or direct employment, Central Academy provides the knowledge, skills and support needed to succeed.

Exceptional Destinations and Future Opportunities

Success at Central Academy extends far beyond examination outcomes. Our students progress to a wide range of exciting destinations, including Russell Group universities, competitive degree apprenticeships and rewarding careers across a variety of sectors.

We are committed to developing well-rounded young individuals who possess not only strong qualifications, but also the confidence, resilience and character needed to excel in adult life. Through expert careers guidance, personalised support with university and apprenticeship applications, leadership opportunities and a rich programme of enrichment activities, we help students make ambitious and informed choices about their futures.

Exciting New Sports Pathways for September 2027

Building on the continued growth and success of our provision, we are delighted to announce plans to introduce a range of specialist sports-related qualifications from September 2027, including:

- Sports Science
- Sport Psychology
- Sports and Business Management

Each programme will be equivalent in size to three A-Levels, allowing students to gain in-depth subject knowledge while developing practical and professional skills that support progression to higher education, apprenticeships and careers within the rapidly expanding sports industry.

Students following these pathways will also have the opportunity to participate in leadership development through our partnership with the Manchester United Foundation. This unique programme will help students build confidence, communication, teamwork and leadership skills, enhancing both their personal development and future employability.

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In addition, we are hoping to introduce the following new A-Level subjects:

- Economics
- French
- Music
- More Than Just Qualifications

At Central Academy, we believe further education is about much more than academic success alone. Alongside high expectations and excellent teaching, students benefit from outstanding pastoral care, personalised support and a wide range of opportunities to develop their interests, leadership skills and independence.

Our aim is to ensure that every student leaves us as a confident, resilient and ambitious young adult, fully prepared for the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead.

During the evening abovementioned, you and your child will have the opportunity to meet our specialist staff, explore the wide range of courses available, learn more about our new sports pathways and discover what makes Central Academy such a successful and inspiring place to study.

We would be delighted to welcome families from Morton Academy to see first-hand what our provision can offer. Choosing a post-16 destination is one of the most important decisions a young person will make, and we hope this event will provide the information, reassurance and inspiration needed to make that choice with confidence.

We look forward to welcoming you and sharing our vision for providing the very best further education in Carlisle.

Yours faithfully



Mr Markham
Principal
Central Academy

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