

Outstanding Local School to offer places to younger students following additional inspection

Cambian Whinfell School in Kendal are to offer places for students from the of age 7 after receiving approval from the Department of Education. Undertaking an additional inspection early this year, OFSTED recommended that the change be approved, stating in their report that ‘Leaders have the knowledge and experience required to carry out their roles successfully and to accommodate the material change requested. They are committed to providing a high quality of education for pupils and actively promote the well-being of pupils’.

Cambian Whinfell School provides day and residential placements for young men with an Education, Health and Care plan who are diagnosed with, or on the pathway to diagnosis for Autistic Spectrum Disorder. Some students attend as day pupils, whilst others reside at the school. As this was an additional inspection, the report does not give the school a rating, with the last graded inspection of the school in November 2022 finding the school to be outstanding in all areas.

Principal Paddy Sandham informed:

“We are thrilled to be able to expand our offer of specialist support to more young people, both locally and those from further afield. We have a vibrant curriculum at Whinfell School, including a full suite of curriculum subjects, our therapeutic outdoor learning programme, and preparation for adulthood framework - whilst supporting our students with our in-house clinical team and experienced specialist teachers. In addition to our new KS2 offer, we are very pleased to be able to expand our day place provision following this inspection, meaning more places to support local students from across Cumbria and Lancashire”.

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