

## **Keswick School - top state school in Cumbria in Sunday Times rankings**

Keswick School is listed as the sixth best non-selective state school in the North West and the top state school in Cumbria (including selective schools) according to the Sunday Times Parent Power guide. This national schools guide of Britain's leading schools was published over the weekend. Schools are ranked on their combined performance at A-level and GCSE exams in the summer.

Such achievements are down to consistently high performance and come on the back of some outstanding results. At A-level 122 students in Year 13 achieved 61.9% A\*-B grades (65th highest in the UK for a state comprehensive school). Results were equally impressive at GCSE with over 80% of students achieving a grade 4 in English and Maths.

The Sunday Times guide highlights that the leading state schools in the North West are dominated by selective grammar schools in Trafford, Lancashire and the Wirral. Therefore it is even more impressive to be a beacon of excellence in Cumbria and get into the top 20 schools (including selective schools) for the whole of the North West.

Such results don't come about by chance. Keswick School Sixth Form offers one of the largest range of A-level courses in Cumbria and we have developed exceptional pastoral support to help every student achieve their potential. In addition our new International Languages Centre and Food Technology kitchen will continue to place Keswick School at the forefront of learning and opportunity for all our children.

As a fully inclusive school our ambition is to achieve world class standards and create the leaders of tomorrow, and we welcome anyone who shares the same philosophy.

Keswick School's Sixth Form Information Evening is Wednesday (22<sup>nd</sup> January from 6.30pm). External candidates are requested to contact the Sixth Form for further details ([carolmcintosh@keswick.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:carolmcintosh@keswick.cumbria.sch.uk)).

### **Simon Jackson (Head teacher) comments:**

'I'm delighted that the Sunday Times Parent Power guide reflects the achievements of our talented students and dedicated staff. Keswick School's ethos is to provide excellence and aspiration in a caring and happy school community. We appreciate that, in addition to academic achievement, other qualities are equally likely to lead to success later in life. It is this ability to seize opportunities and broaden horizons that help our students develop into articulate, confident and successful young people.'

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#### **Images:**

##### **Photo 1 -**

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##### **Editor's**

**notes:**

Keswick School [www.keswick.cumbria.sch.uk](http://www.keswick.cumbria.sch.uk)

Keswick School is a highly successful coeducational 11-18 comprehensive with 1280 pupils on roll. There are 290 students in the sixth form and 50 boarding students. The school was 'outstanding' in every category in the last two Ofsted inspections and has been recognised as Cumbria Secondary School of the Year twice in the last 5 years.