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At Carleton we recognise that choosing a school for your child's secondary education can be exciting, yet for some this can be a true challenge. We very much hope that your experience here with us tonight helps to make that decision easier; we certainly hope your evening is memorable.

We believe in the truly inclusive climate at Carleton. With over 800 students we recognise that we are large enough to offer a wide range of opportunities, yet small enough to develop close working relationships with parents and carers, and foster the talents, abilities and characters of all our students. The climate for learning supports the development of individuals and encourages aspirations and ambitions.

With a breadth of superb facilities providing a modern, high quality learning environment and a large intake of new school leaders, teachers and support staff, we have seen Carleton move into a new era over recent years.

Ultimately, schools are charged with the 'learning' agenda. At Carleton we aim to develop 'relationships for learning' that support the progress and achievement of young people. We regard our relationship with each primary school as outstanding - a relationship which not only supports the smooth transition from primary to secondary school but is crucial to success. Year 5 and Year 6 children from Pontefract experience transition activities which focus on developing confidence and assertiveness, alongside the essential learning experience.

The 2016 examination results reflect some outstanding results for individual students, alongside improvements in the progress made by all students. We are delighted with this, though we continue to strive for improvements.

I consider myself fortunate to lead at Carleton. As Headteacher I strive to encourage students to develop as individuals, and aim to encourage all students to believe in their ability to contribute to their personal success and that of the community in which they live and develop.

At Carleton we recognise the importance of parental involvement, which is essential if we are to continue to succeed. We hope to meet many of you throughout the evening and at forthcoming events.

We hope that you will be keen to join us and look forward to the positive contribution you can make to our learning community.

**H Bolton**  
Headteacher

