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Open Evening – Key questions and Answers

Question	Answer
How can I find out information about Beckfoot Oakbank?	Our website is updated regularly and any general or new information for parents and students is shared daily. Please use the parent tab at the top which contains lots of information about our system, uniform and policies. If you have a specific enquiry you can phone or email us using our contact details on the website. We are happy to help answer your questions.
How often will my child receive homework ?	Your child will usually receive one piece of homework from each subject weekly. This may be a discrete task or a project which extends over several weeks. The home learning will be set by the teacher on an online platform called classcharts. You and your child will be able to access this and be notified of reward stamps, homelearning tasks and any behavioursanctions. Your child will also be encouraged to record their homework in their planner which we expect you to sign weekly.
How do parents and staff communicate ?	Teachers may communicate by writing comments in your child's planner, calling you on your preferred contact number, by email or by text depending on the context. We would also recommend that you to download the Myed app which the school uses for sending letters and information. Details of this are on our website.
How will my child be made to feel welcome and settled?	We want all our students to feel welcomed and prepared for joining our community. We have a pastoral year team who are linked to your child's year group. They will be concentrating on making sure your child settles in smoothly. Your child's form tutor is a key person in helping yourchild getting to know our school, systems and enjoying their induction to our school. We also visit primary feeder schools to get to know our new students. All staff at Beckfoot Oakbank are committed to helping your child feel confident and settled in.
Are there any after school clubs ?	In normal circumstances we run sports, drama and science clubs after school. Please see our website for photos and information. We also run the Duke of Edinburgh award for Year 9 onwards for when your child is a little older.
How are SEND students supported ?	Our SEND provision has 3 key strands , first and foremost quality first teaching, our teachers are committed to knowing the needs of all our SEND students and meeting those needs with effectively planned and appropriate lessons. We also focus on the social and emotional wellbeing of our students through our tutoring programme, HUB support team and our fantastic Inclusion team of highly trained staff. Finally, we offer specialised nurture support in Year 7 to deepen key literacy skills for students who will benefit. Please contact us if you have any further queries.

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How are high ability students challenged and stretched ?	Our planning and teaching aims to meet the needs of all our students so we are aware of the profile of every child. Our staff use a variety of teaching strategies to stretch high ability students in lessons, for example high order questioning and extension tasks, and we encourage all our students to aim high, we have a fantastic student leadership group and aspirations programme.
Who do I contact if I have any concerns about my child ?	The first point of contact is the Year Team Leader for your child or tutor. You can contact them by calling or emailing. Please see contact us section of the website for details.
What will the first day and week be like ?	The first day and week will be busy ! During the first day we will welcome your child and take them into their form with their tutor. During the morning they will receive their planner and timetable, have a tour of the school and get to know their form tutor and tutor group. They will also learn how to use their pin codes for lunch and breaktime food and drink. There will be an assembly too with the Headteacher and Year team leader and pastoral team. From that point on they will follow their timetable and start e-learning in all their subjects.
What transition events will take place ?	In normal circumstances members of our Senior Leadership Team and Year team would visit your child's primary school and your child would also spend a day at Beckfoot Oakbank. We also have a Transition Evening for all parents to attend where you can meet staff and our Inclusion Team and answer any specific queries. Our website also has a Transition page with information and videos of students describing our school and telling your child lot's of key facts (like what the school diners are like)!
How will I know how much progress my child is making?	Your child will receive 3 progress reports during the year for each subject and will have a one parents evening during the school year. If you have any specific questions or concerns please contact us using the details on our website.
How will me child be rewarded ?	We believe it is so important to recognise the achievements of our students, staff will award stamps to students on classcharts for their fantastic contribution to our community or to learning. Every half term we run a rewards event for students who have worked hard and gained stamps. These events include watching a movie, enjoying pizza with their friends or a sports event. We also award vouchers for excellent home learning.
What is the behaviour policy of the school ?	Beckfoot Oakbank has high expectations of both staff and students. We have devised student and staff absolutes for all our community to follow – these were agreed by all of us with staff and students working together to decide what we expected of each other. We are pleased that the vast majority of our students follow these absolutes and we have a structured behaviour system for any child who chooses not to follow them. Students are given 2 warnings then a red card. This is recorded on classcharts and will result in a social time detention.
How will my child's work be assessed?	Students will receive written feedback on key pieces of work which outlines what they have done well and what they need to do to improve and develop their learning.

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