



Dear College Students of 2024,

On behalf of Baken College, we extend a warm welcome to you as you embark on your educational journey with us. We understand that transitions can be both exciting and challenging, and to assist in making your integration into Baken College with the American Advanced High School Diploma and BTEC smoother, we have prepared a Welcome Pack containing essential information and details about some of the requirements for 2024.

1. Laptop Computer (Specs): (All students)

Processor: Intel(R) Core(TM) i3-1005G1 CPU @ 1.20GHz (I3 to I7)

Installed RAM: 8.00 GB / 6.00 GB

System type: 64-bit operating system, x64-based processor

Preferably Solid State Hard Drive (SSD)

Screen Size: 18 inches

Additional Accessories: Headphones, Mouse

(For used laptops, contact Andre Kruger at 082 444 4395.)

This should be a dedicated laptop for school use. No games etc. Please ensure that all items are clearly marked and insured.

2. Typing tutor

Mastering efficient typing is integral for academic success in a technology driven world.

www.typing.com

Please download the above on the laptop. We will start the first term with typing practise on a daily basis.



It would be advantageous to start typing practise during December.

3. Gr 8 Orientation (18 January to 26 January):

While students indulge in these exciting sessions, regular academic activities will seamlessly proceed, ensuring a dynamic blend of introductions and academic continuity. This is applicable only to the Gr 12 and Gr 8 students.

4. School House Teams:

In the first few weeks, new students will be allocated to House Teams aligning with their interests and talents: Ventus, representing wind, and Ignis, symbolizing fire. This fosters healthy competition, providing a unique and enjoyable platform for interaction. We eagerly anticipate your enthusiastic participation in these House Teams.



**COURAGEOUS, PASSIONATE, BRAVE, ENTHUSIASTIC, LEADERS, PERSISTENT, RESOLUTE, ZEALOUS,
WILD**

BIBLICAL SOURCE: Matthew 3:11 I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

HOUSE DESCRIPTION: A Holy Spirit Fire



**INTUITIVE, CREATIVE, LISTENER, HONEST, ADAPTIVE, AMBITIOUS, CONFIDENT, LOYAL, RELIABLE,
FREE**

BIBLICAL SOURCE: Acts 2: 1-2 On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place. 2Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting.

HOUSE DESCRIPTION: A Mighty Rushing Wind

5. School Calendar 2024:

To facilitate your planning, the comprehensive school calendar for the entire year is conveniently accessible on our official website. We encourage you to refer to this valuable resource for important dates and events throughout the academic session. This calendar is updated as and when required.

6. Bus Routes:

Our bus service caters to various areas that include inter alia: Linden, Northwold, Boskruin, Fairlands, Weltevreden Park, Randpark Ridge, Sundowner and Northcliff. For detailed information on routes and schedules, kindly contact Mr. Pierre du Preez at 0795169386. The buses depart from the school premises on Mondays through Thursdays at 15:30 and Fridays at 13:30. For pick up points and times please call Mr Pierre.

7. General School Hours:

Baken's formal operating hours, from 7:30 to 14:30, symbolize our commitment to prioritizing your academic future.

Monday to Thursday: 07:30-14:30

Friday: 07:30-13:30

8. Afternoon Study Classes:

If students are not involved with sports or cultural activities, they will attend the study and homework sessions in the afternoons. Designed to create a focused academic environment, these sessions, led by qualified teachers, aim to simplify homework and provide valuable support to all learners.

9. Afternoon Activities:

We offer a variety of sports and cultural activities after normal school hours. These activities are scheduled from 14:30 to 15:30. Please note that there will be no extra murals on Fridays.

It is important to take note of the school sports uniform, (blue and/or black sneakers with white socks exclusively), during these sessions. We remind that civvies are not allowed during these sports, and/or practise sessions.

Sport Activities:

Prospective sports for 2024:

Term 1: Swimming (Primary School), Chess

Term 2: Soccer, Netball & Chess, Volleyball (College)

Term 3: Athletics, Chess, Volleyball (College)

Term 4: Swimming (Primary School), Volleyball (College) & Chess

Cultural activities for 2024:

Throughout the year: Drama and Public Speaking

Per arrangement: Art

10. School uniform days:

In fostering a sense of unity, please note the guidelines for our alternating school and sport uniform. Your adherence to these arrangements ensures a cohesive and disciplined atmosphere.

Monday: Sport Uniform

Tuesday: School Uniform

Wednesday: Sport Uniform

Thursday: School Uniform

Friday: School Uniform

11. Clothing Supplier:

Our official school clothing is available at Student Schoolwear and Sport, located at Trinity Village Centre, corner of Knoppiesdoring and Eastwood ave, just off Beyers Naude Drive, Randpark Ridge.

12. Stationery:

Compulsory items for 2024 include:

- A4 White copy print paper (1 ream per term, per student)
- Tissue Box (1 Per year)

General Stationary

The enclosed list outlines essential stationery requirements for a successful academic year. Please ensure your child is well-equipped to engage effectively in their studies.

- 4x Blue pens
- 2x Black Pens
- 4x HB Pencils
- 1x Eraser
- 1x Scissor
- 1x Ruler
- Highlighter pack
- Exam pad/Notebook x2
- 8 Thin files or 3 Thick Files
- Maths Geometry Set as required

Note: Additional stationary for art supplies or subject-specific needs will be requested as necessary.

13. Text books: All text books are electronic online, with the exception of EGD and Visual Arts. As mentioned via the school fee letter, the electronic book fee will be invoiced monthly. This will vary according to subject choice. The cost will be similar to the total cost of hard copy text books.

14. Gr 8 Subjects:

- Mathematics
- English HL Language Arts
- Afrikaans I Version 3
- General Science II
- Office Applications I
- Coding 800 / Robotics 800
- Social Sciences - World History
- Economic Management Sciences 800
- Bible 800
- Career Explorations 3 (Optional)
- Family and Consumer Science (Optional).

15. Gr 9 to 11

Subject allocations per student will only be finalised in the week before schools starts in 2024. The process will commence once 2023 final marks have been processed. The process is:

- a. Final report marks send in**
- b. Credit allocation process complete**
- c. Allocate subjects after consulting with parents and students**
- d. Loading subjects onto student's profile**

We are enthusiastic about the academic journey ahead and look forward to supporting your growth and success at Baken College. Should you have any queries or require further assistance, do not hesitate to contact us.

Best regards,

Baken Team.