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Prospectus

Welcome to **BAYCROFT SCHOOL**

Baycroft School is a day community special school for secondary aged students who experience learning difficulties and autism.

A highly professional, experienced and well trained team of staff work with parents, carers and others to ensure that all aspects of education meet the individual needs of our students.

Baycroft School embraces the 5 themes of 'Every Child Matters' DFE 2004, which are that students should enjoy and achieve in their learning, learn how to make a positive contribution to society, stay healthy, know about achieving economic well being and know how to stay safe. These themes are integrated within all subjects at the appropriate level for each student.



Our **VISION**

As a community, we will work together to provide a safe, dynamic environment that develops students' desire to take responsibility for their learning and actions, encourages a positive self image and enhances independence skills for 21st Century living.

21st Century **LEARNING COMMUNITY**

Co-operation Honesty **A**spiration Responsibility Trust Entitlement Respect



Enjoy AND **ACHIEVE**

The school's ethos is to provide a happy and purposeful setting where students are encouraged to achieve their full potential. Visitors to the school often comment on the friendly, welcoming environment.

Students enjoy coming to school. They are proud of their achievements and celebrate the achievements with others. Each child has an individual educational plan based on meeting their own specific needs.

The National Curriculum is delivered to students across all subjects at an appropriate level. We recognise the different needs of our students and use flexible, individual teaching approaches. Our autistic students benefit from teaching methods based on TEACCH techniques.

All students achieve a range of National accreditation. Our current portfolio of exams and diplomas include Asdan Transition Challenge, Asdan Youth Awards, ICT (DIDA) Entry Level and GCSE. All lessons in KS4 are linked to gaining appropriate exam or diplomas.

Making a **POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION**

We believe that communication is the key to effective learning and leads to students being able to make positive contributions to society. All areas of the curriculum ensure that both oral and written communication have a very high priority at Baycroft.

Our aim is for our students to be confident, outgoing, assertive, and willing and able to communicate with others in the world around them. Opportunities to engage with others in school and the wider community present themselves frequently. Our speech and language therapist works with individual students and also provides advice on effective communication strategies for our students.

Students are involved in improving the school, the grounds and the wider environment. They understand that they can help others and regularly organise small events to help charities.

We have an active School Council with representatives from all tutor groups. Adult initiated issues are shared with the students. To date the School Council has had a large input to the lunch menu and school travel plan.





Be **HEALTHY**

Baycroft encourages all students to pursue a healthy active lifestyle.

The school has achieved 'Healthy Schools' status. Students are encouraged to be active throughout the day both in planned PE sessions and in after school clubs and activity sessions.

Healthy eating is promoted through school meals and breakfast club.

Our school first aiders and SENCo coordinates the care and well-being of our students with their tutors throughout the school day.

We help all our students to be aware of their emotions and teach them ways of managing them.

We also encourage the students to develop their life skills and to be as independent as possible through carefully planned programmes. These programmes emphasize the importance of having a healthy lifestyle.

Achieve

ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

Baycroft School encourages students to work hard in order to achieve their potential in every area of their learning. They are taught the skills required to support independent living in the future.

They practice their life-skills not only in the classroom but also out in the wider community. Specific teaching on the management of money, budgets and the importance of saving occurs in all year groups.

They develop an awareness of what employment means through work experience. Students learn how to manage their leisure time through the development of interests and hobbies e.g. gardening.

We believe our students learn best actively and in a practical, exploratory way Baycroft School | baycroft@baycroft.hants.sch.uk | www.baycroftschool.co.uk

Stay SAFE

Baycroft aims to provide a safe, supportive and inclusive environment for all students. Individual needs are carefully assessed and the appropriate resources and training are provided so that each student is able to safely access the curriculum.

We teach and encourage students to take responsibility for their own care and safety and that of their peers.

Our students feel they are getting the best care and attention at Baycroft.

