HOW WILL I KNOW WHERE TO GO?
There will be plenty of staff and students around to direct you. We are a small school and you will know your way around very quickly.

HOW DO I BUY MY LUNCH AND WHAT FOOD IS AVAILABLE?
We use an online payment system that parents/carers are able to 'top up' online. You can use your fingerprint to purchase food so no cash is required. There is a wide variety of hot and cold food options to suit all dietary requirements and the menu changes on different days.

HOW DO I GET TO SCHOOL?
We encourage students to walk or cycle to school where possible. Use a bike lock and a helmet and stay safe by making sure you have lights for the winter months. Some students do use public transport or parental transport to come to school as there are no school buses.

CAN I GET HELP IF I NEED IT?
Yes – ask your Tutor, Teachers, Head of Year, Learning Support Assistants and Senior Students. There are many people in school who will support you.

WHAT TIME DOES SCHOOL START?
You need to be at morning greeting by 8:40am. To encourage punctuality, we encourage students to arrive in school for 8:30am. There is a warning bell at 8:35am to help students arrive to their morning greeting location by 8:40am where uniform and equipment is checked.

ARE STUDENTS ALLOWED MOBILE PHONES AT THE SCHOOL?
Mobile phones must be off and in a student's bag at all times that they are on school site. This is because they are a distraction to learning, prevent students from interacting with each other and can present behaviour and safeguarding issues.

WHAT ARE THE EXPECTATIONS ON ME IN LESSONS?
Teachers have high expectations of you and will want you to try your best in all that you do. Every student has the right to come to school and learn so you need to ensure you are working hard in lessons and not disrupting the learning of others.

ARE ALL YEAR GROUPS OUT AT THE SAME TIME E.G. AT LUNCH?
All year groups have the same break and lunch time. Areas are allocated for year groups on the field.

HOW MUCH IS THE UNIFORM & HOW DO WE KNOW WHAT TO WEAR?
All of this information can be found on the school website. You can purchase uniform online at www.monkhouse.com

WHAT ARE HOUSES?
We have the following Houses – Attenborough, Jenner and Parks. Houses are made up of tutor groups from Years 7 – 11. Houses feel like smaller schools within our bigger school. We have lots of house competitions and events where you can score your House such as by participating in spelling competitions or Sports Day.

ARE STAFF ON DUTY AT BREAK TIMES?
Staff supervise break and lunchtimes. There are plenty of people around to support you and keep you safe. Before and after school, staff are also present on the school gates.

HOW MUCH HOMEWORK IS THERE?
All year groups will have homework in English, Maths & Science. Y10 & Y11 will also have homework for their option block subjects.

LESSON STRUCTURE – LENGTH, NUMBER IN DAY?
This information will be on your timetable. You can see an example on the website. There are five, one hour, lessons per day and we operate a two week timetable.

WHAT EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS DO YOU PROVIDE?
We have a comprehensive programme of activities that changes each term to provide students with more opportunities to develop their skills beyond the classroom. Activities include The Duke of Edinburgh Award, Football, Rugby, Dance, Drama, Lego, cooking and book club to name but a few.
We also provide lots of trips and visits that link to the curriculum and look to provide our students with as many opportunities as possible.

WHAT SEND SUPPORT IS THERE?
We are an inclusive school but operate with limited capacity for SEN students.

WHAT EQUIPMENT DO I NEED?
You will be provided with all your equipment on day one. The only thing you need to bring is a protractor and a scientific calculator.

DO YOU HAVE A SIXTH FORM?
No - but we do have excellent links with other Sixth Forms in the area within the Greenshaw Trust, and also other schools. We are proud that we are a small community school that has the capacity to really get to know our students and focus on supporting them through their GCSEs and preparing them for their next steps.