

THE GRYPHON



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WELCOME
BACK!



Dear Brookes Community,

Welcome back to a new academic year!

I hope you've had a restful and enjoyable summer break, filled with quality time with your family. As we embark on another exciting year of learning and growth, I want to express my gratitude for your continued trust and partnership in your child's education.

This year, we are committed to building on our successes, embracing new challenges, and ensuring that each student reaches their full potential. I would like to start by thanking our fabulous operational team for all their work over the summer in preparing the school to welcome back our staff, students and parents. They have done an incredible job.

Staff have been preparing with enthusiasm and we are eager to work together with you to create an enriching and supportive environment for your child.

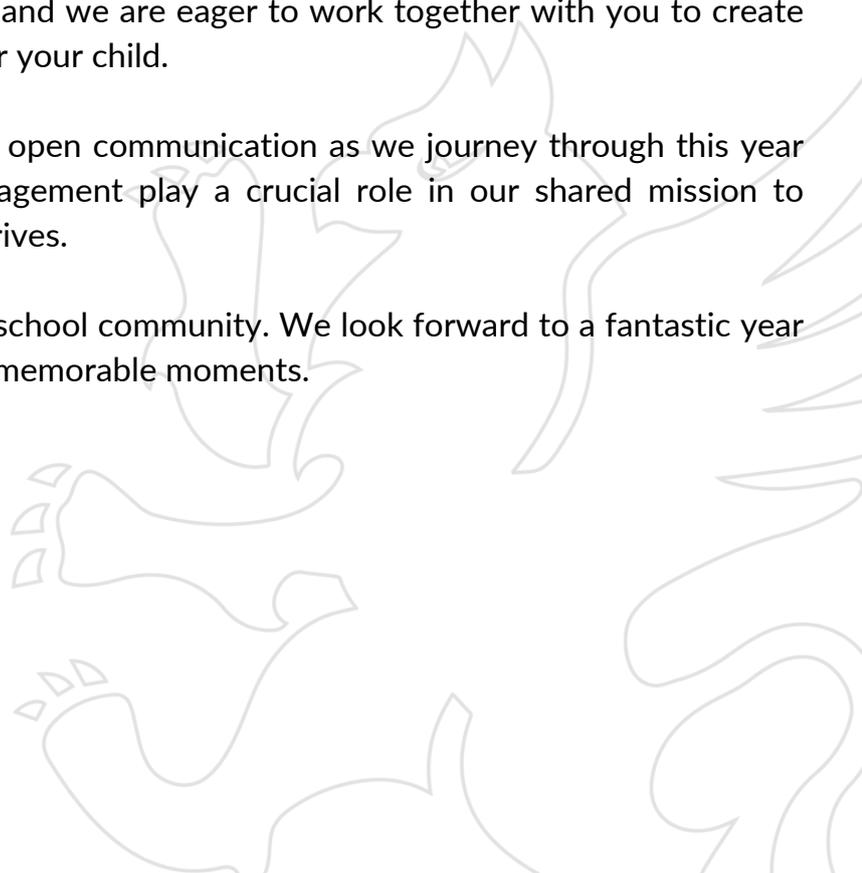
We value your involvement and encourage open communication as we journey through this year together. Your insights, feedback and engagement play a crucial role in our shared mission to foster a community where every student thrives.

Thank you for being an integral part of our school community. We look forward to a fantastic year ahead, filled with achievement, growth and memorable moments.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Jackson".

Paul Jackson
Principal



Reminder

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I am sure you are all busy preparing for the start of an exciting new academic year. Here are a few reminders of things to consider and prepare in advance of the first day back.

1. Health and Hygiene:

- Medications (Please update school of any medications with proper documentation)

2. School Day

- Please check the structure and timings of the day, so that you are prepared for the new academic day

3. Academic Preparation:

- Review any summer homework or reading assignments
- Set academic goals for the new term

4. Schedule and Routine:

- Adjust sleep schedule to align with school hours
- Plan a morning routine to ensure timely arrival at school
- Review the school timetable and extracurricular schedules

5. Communication:

- Update emergency contact information with the school
- Discuss any concerns or questions with teachers or school staff

6. Emotional Readiness:

- Talk about any anxieties or excitement about returning to school (What are you looking forward to? What are you unsure about?)
- Encourage a positive mindset and enthusiasm for learning

By following this checklist, children can transition smoothly back into the school environment and start the new academic year on the right foot.

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PARENT

iSAMS PARENT PORTAL

Please ensure that you have activated your parent portal account. All key dates and student information can be found on there.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Staff Inset	Mon 2nd Sept
Staff Inset	Tues 3rd Sept
School Term Begins	Wed 4th Sept
PTA AGM	Thurs 12th Sept
Welcome Evening	Thurs 12th Sept



Reminder



SEE IT, HEAR IT, LOSE IT

Although mobile phones, smartwatches and air pods are prohibited items at Brookes UK, we understand that you may require your child to have these for various reasons. Therefore, we operate a simple system. If we see your child on their device or hear their device, they will lose their device.

Their device(s) will be confiscated and handed into the main school reception where your child can collect it, at the end of the school day.

Repeated occurrences will result in the parent(s) being asked to come into school to collect their child's device(s). Thank you for your support.

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NEW 'NO BAG' SYSTEM

Our site team have worked tirelessly throughout the Summer Break to prepare our school for your return.

Students in the Senior School will be allocated a cubby hole to store their bag in. They will no longer be allowed to carry their bags around school and into the classroom.

This will help keep the school looking tidy and clean. It will also help students become better organised and prepared for their learning.

Students will take everything they need for their upcoming lessons and leave their bag in their cubby hole.



SCHOOL DAY

- Morning Drop Off 08:15 - 08:30 (Gates Open at 8:15am)
- Form Time 08:35 - 08:45
- Lessons Begin. 08:45
- Morning Break Between 11:00 - 11:30 (Year group dependant)
- Lunch 12:15 - 13:30 (Year group dependant)
- Pick Up 16:00
- After School Activities. 16:15 - 17:00
- Late Care 17:00 - 17:30

RUNNING LATE

The school front gate closes at 08:30. If you're running late, your child will need to sign in at reception if the front gate is closed when you arrive.

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UNIFORM

Please ensure that every item of your child's school uniform is clearly labelled, including your child(s) school bag, hat and coat.

When we return to school, we are still operating Summer uniform dress code, therefore, girls may wish to wear their summer dresses or navy skirts.

We will operate the Summer uniform until the October Half Term; from then onwards we expect all students to wear their Winter uniform.

The exact list of required items can be found in our Parent Handbook.

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ATTENDANCE

Improving attendance is about building excellent relationships between school and home. Good attendance begins with school being somewhere pupils want to be. The foundation of securing good attendance is that school is a calm, orderly, safe, and supportive environment, where all pupils are keen and ready to learn.

This academic year, we will be monitoring our school's attendance very closely, with the intention of being able to provide all children with the quality of education they deserve.

We would love every child to be in school 100% of the time, however, realistically this is not always possible. Therefore, our target for student attendance is 96%.



HOME LEARNING

Homework is set according to the student's needs and gradually increases in quantity throughout the school. Each student is supplied with a Homework Diary and Homework Timetable.

Juniors

Homework will be set weekly and will include Reading, Spellings, Mathematics, English, TT Rockstars, plus additional tasks.

Seniors

Homework will be set daily according to the subject timetable. Students in Years 7-9 can expect to receive at least 30mins of Homework per day.

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BUS SERVICE

We will be continuing our shuttle bus service for those families that would like to take advantage of this provision. If this is something that you would like to enquire about, please contact our reception team for more details and costings.

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AUTUMN MENU

WEEK 1



Autumn Menu

*Allergens

	M	T	W	T	F
MAIN 1	Chicken Goujons <i>*Gluten</i>	Beef Bolognaise	Sausage & Mash <i>*Gluten</i>	Chicken Curry	Burger & Chips <i>*Soya</i>
MAIN 2	Vegetable Goujons <i>*Gluten</i>	Veg Bolognese <i>*Celery</i>	Vege Sausage <i>*Gluten</i>	Vege Curry	Bean Burger & Chips <i>*Wheat</i>
MAIN 3	Jacket & Selection of fillings	Jacket & Selection of fillings	Jacket & Selection of fillings	Jacket & Selection of fillings	Jacket & Selection of fillings
CARBS/VEG	Potato Wedges Seasonal veg	Pasta/Garlic Bread <i>*Gluten</i>	Mash & Seasonal Veg	Rice /Seasonal veg	Chips
SIDE	Salad Bar	Salad Bar	Salad Bar	Salad Bar	Salad Bar
PUD	Fruit Yoghurt	Chocolate Muffin <i>*Gluten,egg,soya</i>	Flapjack <i>*Oats</i>	Chocolate Crispy Cake. <i>*Gluten & Milk</i>	Chocolate Mousse <i>*Milk</i>

WEEK 2



Autumn Menu

*Allergens

	M	T	W	T	F
MAIN 1	Chicken & Chorizo Pasta <i>*Gluten</i>	Cottage pie	Roast Pork & Yorkshire Puds <i>*Gluten</i>	Beef Chilli	Hot Dog & Chips <i>*Soya</i>
MAIN 2	Tomato Pasta <i>*Gluten</i>	Quorn Cottage Pie <i>*Celery</i>	Nutless Roast <i>*Gluten</i>	Mac & Cheese <i>*Milk</i>	Vege Hot dog & Chips <i>*Wheat</i>
MAIN 3	Jacket & Selection of fillings	Jacket & Selection of fillings	Jacket & Selection of fillings	Jacket & Selection of fillings	Jacket & Selection of fillings
CARBS /VEG	Pasta/ Garlic Bread <i>*Gluten</i>	Seasonal Veg	Roast Pots & Seasonal Veg	Nachos <i>*Milk</i>	Peas & Beans
SIDE	Salad Bar	Salad Bar	Salad Bar	Salad Bar	Salad Bar
PUD	Fruit Yoghurt <i>*Milk</i>	Iced Chocolate Cake <i>*Gluten,egg,soya</i>	Banana Cake <i>*Oats</i>	Iced Vanilla Sponge <i>*Gluten & Milk</i>	Strawberry Mousse <i>*Milk</i>

**NEW
UPDATE**

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POLICY UPDATE

Whilst conducting our annual policy review, we would like to inform you of two changes to the Behaviour Policy that will start from September 4th.

Amendments:

- 1) Junior and Senior Behaviour Ladders; including how staff will use effective classroom management strategies to maximise learning.
- 2) Junior and Senior sanctions.

Please visit the school website > Admissions > Important Documents, to view all of our school policies.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Stay connected with regular updates about events and achievements via our social media pages.



PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Celebrating personal achievements is essential, because it acknowledges hard work, boosts self-confidence, and motivates continued growth and success.

Please let us know as and when your child has achieved something outside of school, so that we can celebrate this in school.

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BITS AND BOBS

At the beginning of the academic year, students will receive a home learning planner with their timetable, from their form/class teacher.

Children in the Junior School will be provided with all the necessary stationery to conduct their learning in class. Your child may wish to bring in additional items of stationery (colouring pencils etc). Please make sure these items are clearly named and in a suitable case/holder.

Students in the Senior School will also be provided with basic stationery for their lessons, however, it is their responsibility to look after this and bring the necessary equipment to each lesson.

Senior School students (Yrs7-11) will also require a scientific calculator.

Thank you for taking the time to read our new newsletter.

We are all looking forward to the start of the new academic year and we are excited to see what we can all achieve.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership, as we strive to make Brookes UK a place where every student can thrive.

Warmest Regards



Paul Jackson
Principal

CREATIVITY

CONNECTIVITY

CHARACTER