

THE GRYPHON



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Dear Brookes Community,

Welcome back! We are delighted to see our students return with such enthusiasm and energy after the half-term break. The second half of the spring term is already off to a fantastic start, filled with engaging learning opportunities and exciting news for our school community.

One of the highlights of the week was the excellent assembly on Online Safety, led by our resident Community Police Officer. This informative session provided our students with essential guidance on staying safe in the digital world, reinforcing the importance of responsible online behaviour. We extend our sincere thanks to our Community Police Officer for their time and expertise in delivering such a valuable message.

We would also like to express our gratitude to our directors for their continued support this week. Their dedication and commitment to the school community play a vital role in ensuring Brookes remains a place where students can thrive.

In addition, we are thrilled by the overwhelmingly positive response from parents, staff, and students following the announcement that Brookes will become the newest IB school from September! This marks an exciting new chapter for our school, and we appreciate the support and enthusiasm from our community. To ensure everyone stays informed, we will be hosting a series of information sessions in the coming weeks—please keep an eye out for further details.

Furthermore, we are pleased to share that we have already had a fantastic response from prospective parents for this Saturday's Open Day. We look forward to welcoming new families to Brookes and sharing what makes our school such a special place to learn.

Thank you once again to our students, parents, and staff for making Brookes such a wonderful place to learn and grow. We look forward to a successful and inspiring term ahead!



Photo of the week
Mrs Gale

A handwritten signature in cursive script, likely belonging to Mrs. Gale.



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OPEN DAY



SATURDAY, 8TH MARCH
10:00 - 14:00

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iBrookes Schedule

PARENTS			
Date	Time	Title	Description
Friday 7th March	09.00	Introduction to the IB	Learner Profile Structure of the IB What is PYP What is MYP
Wednesday 26th March	18.00	MYP Overview	Candidacy and Accreditation Process Subject Groups Global Contexts Key Concepts Criteria based Assessment Interdisciplinary Learning Candidacy and Accreditation Process
Friday 28th March	09.15	PYP Overview	Units of Inquiry 6 Subject Areas 6 Transdisciplinary Themes Collaborative Planning Criteria based assessments
Wednesday 30th April	TBC	MYP Assessment	Types of assessment Service as Action Community Project Personal Project
Friday 2nd May	TBC	PYP Maths and English	Programme of Study Teaching approaches Assessment
Wednesday 7th May/ Friday 9th May	TBC	ATL Skills & Inquiry Based Learning	Approaches to Learning Approaches to Teaching International Mindedness
Wednesday 11th June	TBC	PYPX and Action	PYP Exhibition Action based learning Sustainable Development Goals
Friday 13th June	09.00 (Year 9 students to join)	MYP eAssessments and Projects	Criteria for eAssessments Schedule of assessments Community Project Personal Project
Wednesday 9th July	TBC	Preparation for 2025/2026	What happens next

Stars of the Week

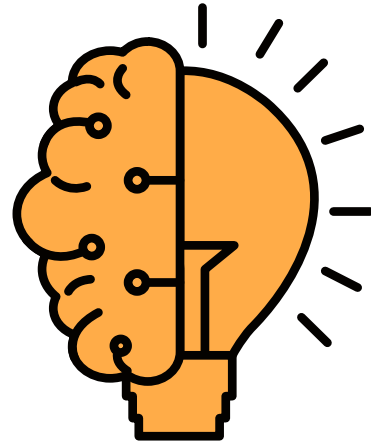


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This Weeks Brain Teaser

You're in a race and you pass the person in second place.

What place are you in now?



Last Weeks Brain Teaser

You are in a dark room with a box of matches. Nearby are three things: a candle, an oil lamp and a log of firewood.

Which do you light first?

Correct answer is
You light the match!

Whole School Focus on Uniform, Appearance & Equipment Starting After Half-Term

As we return from the half-term break, we will be reinforcing our school's uniform and appearance expectations to ensure all students take pride in their presentation. We appreciate the support of parents and carers in maintaining these standards, which help foster a sense of belonging, discipline, and readiness for learning.

To clarify our expectations:

- ✓ Hair – All students with long hair (excluding Year 11) must have their hair tied up.
- ✓ Skirts – Skirts must be worn at an appropriate length, just above the knee, and should not be rolled up.
- ✓ Make-up – Only students in Years 10 and above are permitted to wear subtle and natural-looking makeup.
 - ✓ Uniform - Jumpers and Blazers (and Ties for Boys) must be worn throughout the day
 - ✓ Equipment - All senior students **Must** bring to school adequate stationery for all lessons (pens, pencils, rulers, scientific calculator).
 - ✓ Water Bottles - All students **Must** bring in their own water bottle.

We kindly ask for your support in ensuring that students come to school each day dressed appropriately and in line with our uniform policy. By working together, we can maintain high standards and a positive school culture.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please refer to our uniform policy on the school website or contact the school office.

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Date	Event
4th March	Acorn Class trip to Stowmarket food museum
5th March	Year 9 Trip to Sizewell
7th March	World Book Day (Junior School Theme Julia Donaldson)
8th March	OPEN DAY 10 - 2pm PTA Forest School Event
12th March	British Science Week off timetable Yr10/11 Geography Field Trip
14th March	KS2 trip to Duxford
19th March	Junior School Hare & Tortoise production
20th March	KS2 Swimming Gala
21st March	Bramble Class (Year 5&6) Parent Share Whole School 'Someone Special Tea'
25th March	Bluebell Class trip to Mountfitchet Castle
27th March	Easter Egg Hunt (more details to come)
28th March	Last Day of term School finishes @ 3:30pm No Afterschool Clubs
21st April	Easter Monday (No School)
22nd April	Staff Inset Training Day (No School)
23rd April	Summer Term Starts

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Brookes PTA Family Forest School Saturday

KS2 & KS3
(Year's 3-11)

Saturday 8th March
12.30 - 2.30pm



Tickets

£10.00 per child
£5.00 per adult

Tickets can be purchased by completing the google form sent by email or shown in our Facebook link.



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Den Building, Donuts, Hot Chocolate, Forest Games, plus many more fun Forest School activities!



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Early Years & KS1
(Reception, Year 1 & 2)

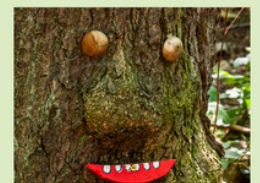
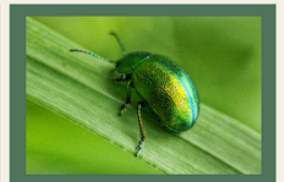
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(1 FREE adult)
£5.00 per additional adult

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