

THE GRYPHON

UK'S NEWEST IB SCHOOL

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Dear Brookes Community,

Welcome to the start of the Summer Term at Brookes UK!

It has been an absolute pleasure to see the children return to school refreshed, energised, and ready for an action-packed term ahead.

As always, we have a full and exciting calendar of events planned. From the much-anticipated BFest, to our vibrant Colour Run, competitive Sports Day, and the celebratory Prize Giving at the end of term—there will be plenty of opportunities for our community to come together and create lasting memories.

We are looking forward to seeing as many parents as possible at this weeks iBrookes IB Parent Training sessions. Senior School (MYP) Wednesday 30th April 17:30 and Junior School (PYP) Friday 1st May.

Please do keep an eye on our Events Calendar, accessible via the iParents portal on iSAMS, or further down in this newsletter, to stay updated with all that's coming up.

Wishing you and your family a successful, joyful, and sunshine-filled summer term. Let's hope the weather is kind to us!

Paul Jackson
Principal



iBrookes Schedule

PARENTS			
Date	Time	Title	Description
Friday 7th March	09.00	Introduction to the IB COMPLETED	Learner Profile Structure of the IB What is PYP What is MYP
Wednesday 26th March	18.00	MYP Overview COMPLETED	Candidacy and Accreditation Process Subject Groups Global Contexts Key Concepts Criteria based Assessment
Friday 28th March	09.15	PYP Overview COMPLETED	Candidacy and Accreditation Process Units of Inquiry 6 Subject Areas 6 Transdisciplinary Themes Collaborative Planning
Wednesday 30th April	17.30	MYP Assessment	Criteria based assessments Types of assessment 
Friday 2nd May	09.15	PYPX and Action	Programme of Study Teaching approaches Assessment
Wednesday 7th May	TBC	Personal Project	Community Project Personal Project
Thursday 8th May	TBC	PYP Maths and English	PYP Exhibition Action based learning Sustainable Development Goals
Wednesday 11th June	TBC	Toddle Workshop (PYP & MYP)	Introduction to Toddle
Thursday 12th June	TBC	Toddle Workshop (PYP & MYP)	Introduction to Toddle
Friday 13th June	09.15 (Year 9 students to join)	MYP eAssessments and Projects	Criteria for eAssessments Schedule of assessments Community Project Personal Project

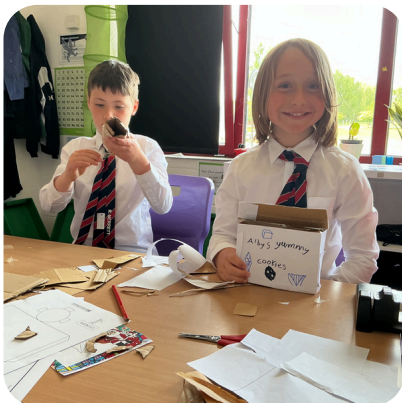
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Our KS2 students recently had an exciting introduction to IB education through a hands-on project where they designed and created their own biscuit packaging. After carefully designing and decorating their packages, they baked cookies to fill them. The project encouraged research-based learning, exploration, and creativity. To complete the experience, students then presented their final products, showcasing their designs, explaining their process, and reflecting on what they had learned.





**BROOKES SCHOOL &
CHERRY TREES EARLY YEARS**

COLOUR FUN RUN

**Friday 23rd May
3..30pm
School Field**

**ENTRY
FROM**

£5

ENTER NOW

Book by 16th May

ALL WELCOME



BROOKES BAKE OFF

DO YOU HAVE A FLAIR FOR

BAKING? CATEGORIES ARE:



YEAR 7- TRAYBAKES



YEAR 8 - CUPCAKES

YEAR 9- BISCUITS

STAFF - LOAF CAKES



PARENTS/CARERS - SWISS ROLL

THURSDAY 1ST MAY 3.30-

4.30PM



Let Miss Nightingale know if you wish to enter

Dates Summer Calendar of Events

Date	Event
Weds 23rd April	Term Begins
Tues 29th April	KS2 trip to National Stud, Newmarket am
Weds 30th April	GCSE Art Exam (Day 1) 17:30 iBrookes IB Training - MYP Assessment
Thurs 1st May	Yr 10 Geography Field Trip Cambridge PTA Bake Off 15:30 (Bring money for buying cakes)
Fri 2nd May	GCSE Art Exam (Day 2) 08:45 iBrookes IB Training - PYP Maths and English
Mon 5th May	Bank Holiday (no school)
Weds 7th May - Fri 9th May	Yrs 5 to 9 Residential Trip - Thorpe Woodlands KS3 (in school) Drop down curriculum days
Thurs 8th May	GCSE Exams Begin
Monday 12th May	Recep, Yr 1 & 2 - Aquasplash pm
Thurs 15th May	Yr 8 Castle Acre Trip
Tues 20th May	Open Morning / Day
Thurs 22nd May	PTA AGM
Fri 23rd May	Last Day of Half Term PTA Colour Run 3:30pm
Mon 26th May - Fri 30th May	Half Term Holiday
Mon 2nd June	Yr 10 Exams Begin
Mon 16th June	Final GCSE Exams
Tues 17th June	Sports Day
Thurs 19th June	Backup Sports Day (Weather dependant)
Mon 23rd June	Acorn Class trip
Fri 27th June	BFest pm
Mon 7th July	Move Up Day
Weds 9th July	Presentation day / afternoon Term Ends



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