

# THE GRYPHON

UK'S NEWEST IB SCHOOL

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Dear Brookes Community,

What a dynamic and enriching week it has been at Brookes School! Our students, staff, and community have embraced a wide range of activities that reflect our vibrant school spirit and commitment to learning beyond the classroom. It was also lovely to welcome back Mrs Gale, after her trip to Brookes Moscow, where she collaborated with experience IB teachers.

Key Stage 2 pupils enjoyed an exciting and educational trip to the National Stud in Newmarket, gaining firsthand insights into equine science, breeding, and the role of the thoroughbred industry in the UK. The experience was both informative and inspiring.

Our GCSE's started this week with our Art students showcasing incredible focus and creativity during their official exam. Their hard work and dedication were clearly evident, and we are excited to see their final pieces.

We also hosted iBrookes IB Training sessions for staff and parents, deepening our collective understanding of the International Baccalaureate philosophy and how it supports our students' academic and personal development.

Year 9 students took part in Scholarship assessments, demonstrating their skills and potential in a range of disciplines. We are proud of their efforts and look forward to welcoming new scholars into our community.

Year 10 Geography students ventured to Cambridge for their field trip, conducting hands-on fieldwork and applying their classroom learning to real-world environments.

The PTA Bake Sale was a delicious success! Thank you to all the parents and pupils who baked and bought treats –your generosity supports many school initiatives and brings our community together.

We also welcomed some families in for a tour of our school. It's always a pleasure to show prospective pupils and parents what makes Brookes such a special place to learn and grow.

## ***Looking Ahead***

Next week, our Year 5 to Year 9 students will embark on their much-anticipated Residential at Thorpe Woodlands—a fantastic opportunity for team building, outdoor adventure, and personal growth.

Back on campus, Key Stage 3 students will take part in Drop Down Curriculum Days, exploring exciting cross-curricular themes through creative and hands-on learning experiences.

Thank you to everyone who made this week such a success. We look forward to another inspiring week ahead at Brookes!

Paul Jackson  
Principal

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## iBrookes Schedule

PARENTS			
Date	Time	Title	Description
Friday 7th March	09.00	Introduction to the IB <b>COMPLETED</b>	Learner Profile Structure of the IB What is PYP What is MYP
Wednesday 26th March	18.00	MYP Overview <b>COMPLETED</b>	Candidacy and Accreditation Process Subject Groups Global Contexts Key Concepts Criteria based Assessment
Friday 28th March	09.15	PYP Overview <b>COMPLETED</b>	Candidacy and Accreditation Process Units of Inquiry 6 Subject Areas 6 Transdisciplinary Themes Collaborative Planning
Wednesday 30th April	17.30	MYP Assessment <b>COMPLETED</b>	Criteria based assessments Types of assessment
Friday 2nd May	08.45	PYP Maths and English <b>COMPLETED</b>	Programme of Study Teaching approaches Assessment
Wednesday 7th May	17:30	MYP eAssessment and Personal Project	Community Project Personal Project
Thursday 8th May	08:45	PYPX and Units of Inquiry	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



## TRIPS Yr10 Field Trip



## TRIPS KS2 National Stud



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## PTA New Hoops



# THANK YOU!

HUGE THANK YOU TO  
THE PTA FOR OUR  
BRAND NEW  
BASKETBALL HOOPS



## PTA BAKE SALE



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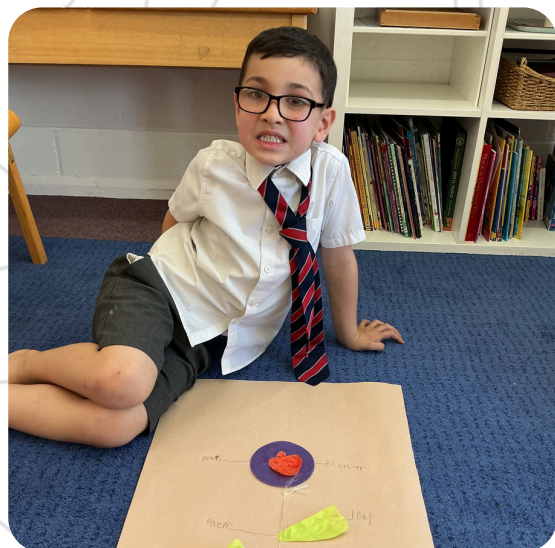
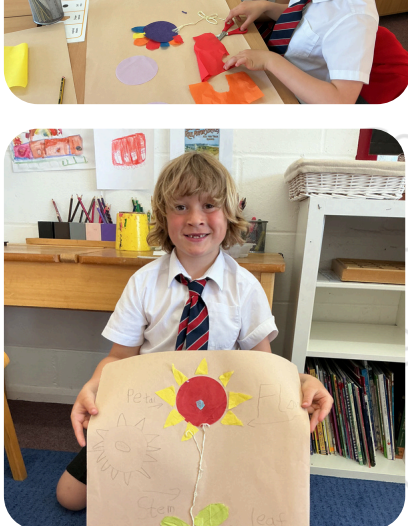
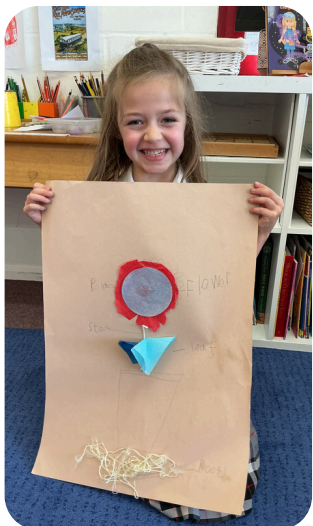
## Reception Baby Chicks and Ducklings



Our Reception class is thrilled to welcome 3 baby chicks and 1 duckling to care for this half term! 🐣 🐥



## Year 1&2 Design Tech







**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**



**Enter a piece of creative writing inspired by the phrase**

Getting Lost In A  
Book 

**It could be a short story, micro fiction, play, haiku, poem,  
tv script, a song, a rap or radio play! (800 words max)**

**TO WIN AN AUTHOR EVENT  
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**\*plus lots of books and prizes just for you!**

**Entry is FREE. Deadline 20th July 2025.  
[www.burylitfest.co.uk](http://www.burylitfest.co.uk)**



BLFCWC is a Children's University eligible activity. A stamp code to verify participation will be provided on receipt of a submitted entry.



Date	Event
Mon 5th May	Bank Holiday (no school)
Wed 7th May	MYP iBrookes Parent Training 17:30
Weds 7th May - Fri 9th May	Yrs 5 to 9 Residential Trip - Thorpe Woodland  KS3 (in school) Drop down curriculum days
Thurs 8th May	PYP iBrookes Parent Training 08:45
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

## STARS OF THE WEEK



## PUZZLE Whats the 'Rebus' Brainteaser

VA DERS

give get  
give get  
give get  
give get





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**Guaranteed  
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postcode to join  
The Parents Lottery



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## How does it work?

There will be **various prizes** up for grabs each week including the chance to win the **£25,000 jackpot!** Keep your eyes on the Friday weekly draw to find out if you'll be a winner this week. **And remember 60%\*** of each ticket you purchase goes to your chosen PTA/school.

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