

# THE GRYPHON

UK'S NEWEST IB SCHOOL

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What a fantastic week it has been at Brookes!

Our Year 11 students have completed their first full week of GCSE exams, and we couldn't be prouder of the resilience and focus they have shown throughout. Well done to each and every one of them.

Earlier in the week, our Reception and Years 1 & 2 students wowed parents with their end-of-year Swimming Aquasplash Showcase. It was truly inspiring to see the incredible progress they've made in stroke development and water confidence. A heartfelt thank you to Mr Ellis, Ms Sue, Ms Nicole, Mrs Jackson and Ms Jodie from Abbeycroft Leisure for their dedication and support throughout the year.

In sports, our Year 7 & 8 cricket team played brilliantly in their first fixture against Thetford Grammar School, narrowly missing out on a win by just 3 runs—an impressive performance for their debut match!

Year 8 also had a wonderful visit to Castle Acre, exploring history in a hands-on and engaging way.

It has also been a very positive week for new student enquiries. Following on from these, we have a number of tours and taster days booked in over the coming weeks. What has been especially encouraging is that each of these prospective families mentioned they had seen our recent publications and social media campaigns, and felt that Brookes would be the perfect setting for their child. I would like to extend my thanks to Mrs Jackson for her exceptional work on these editorials and publications, which are clearly making a strong impression and reaching new families.

As we approach the final week of this half term, we're all looking forward to Friday's Colour Run – a vibrant and joyful celebration to mark the end of another action-packed few weeks. Thank you to the PTA for everything they are doing to make this another excellent event.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all our staff, parents, and students for your continued support and enthusiasm. It's been a fantastic half term, and I wish everyone a restful and relaxing break.

Warm regards,

Kind regards

Mr Paul Jackson



**BROOKES SCHOOL**

# COLOUR FUN RUN

Friday 23rd  
May 3:30pm  
School Field

ENTRY  
FROM

**£5**



**ENTER NOW**

**Book by 16th May**

**ALL WELCOME**





**OPEN DAY** Tuesday 20th May



**Brookes  
United Kingdom**



# OPEN HOUSE

**TUESDAY, 20TH MAY**

**10:00 - 13:00**

*Explore, Experience, and Engage*

**REGISTER NOW!**

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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 eAssessments and Personal Project <b>COMPLETED</b>	Community Project Personal Project
Thursday 8th May	08:45	PYP (and Units of Inquiry) <b>COMPLETED</b>	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



## Events Aquasplash



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**TRIPS** Year 8 - Castle Acre



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# STARS OF THE WEEK



# DATES

Date	Event
Tues 20th May	Open Morning / Day 10:00 - 13:00
Thurs 22nd May	PTA AGM 16:15
Fri 23rd May	Last Day of Half Term  PTA Colour Run 15:30
Mon 26th May - Fri 30th May	Half Term Holiday
Mon 2nd June	Yr 10 Exams Begin
Tues 3rd June	Yr11 Art Exhibition 16:00 - 17:00
Mon 16th June	Final GCSE Exam
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

# PUZZLES OF THE WEEK

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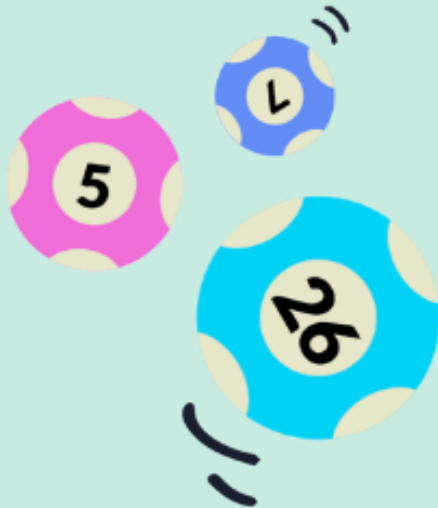




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