



Friday, 13 November 2020

Dear Parents,

RE: Academic Update

I hope everyone had a relaxing mid-term break and you are looking forward to some snow like I am. We continue to push forward in our learning on both campuses and our teachers continue to improve standards to challenge our students every step of the way.



PYP Resources Moscow and Saint Petersburg

A few weeks ago I mentioned that we had committed to purchase some new resources for our PYP students on both campuses and I am happy to report that IXL Maths is now being used as a home study platform for our students. This provides challenging Maths problems for students and an opportunity to practice at home with parents. In Moscow, we just received our Chinese textbooks that will be coming home with students so they can practice at home as well.



INTESCO Russian IB Schools Conference

On 27th November our IB Coordinators have been invited to speak at the IB Schools of Russia conference about our programme here and how we handle assessments, projects and our IB Programme. This is a great honour for our school as many of the schools attending the conference have been IB schools for many years, but very few have all three programmes as we do.

BridgeU

Students in Year 11, 12, 13 will be introduced to BridgeU over the next week in both Moscow and Saint Petersburg. BridgeU is an online platform that allows students to make university selections and rank their preferences. The platform has information from over 30,000 universities around the world and is a valuable tool in helping our older students start looking at what and where they want to study when they leave Brookes. Have a look with your student to see the possibilities this platform has for them. Dr Oliver Squires runs the platform for us and can be contacted at osquires@moscow.brookes.org if you have any questions.



Key Centre

One major aspect of our learning at Brookes is through our Key Centre where we do many things including the teaching of EAL. Polina Galanstova is our Key Centre Manager and is based in Moscow. Our Key Centre teachers are highly qualified in language learning and use many strategies to improve our students English skills. We have recently added two school Psychologists to our Key Centre team that work on both campuses. Our goal is to help each student master the English language before joining the Diploma Programme in Year 11.



Academic Highlights

- ManageBac is the best way to stay on top of your student's academic prowess throughout the year. Reach out to me if you are having any issues with this.
- In our Early Years Programme in Moscow, we use SeeSaw as a learning platform and it is run by our coordinator, Jared Belworthy. If you have questions please reach out to him.
- In our three iBrookes sessions this year we have had over 100 parents attend. Please be on the lookout for our next session.
- If you were not able to attend our PPS conferences this week, please reach out to any teacher and they can schedule a time to have a Google Meet.

Best Regards,

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