



Friday 4th December 2020

Dear Upper and Senior School families,

As we move closer to the Christmas holidays, the temperatures continue to drop. Therefore we remind all students of the need to be properly dressed for going outside at break and lunch time. There is only one week left for students in school in 2020 and we want to make sure that they take all precautions necessary to stay healthy while outside.

To reiterate Mr King's letter regarding the holidays; Upper and Senior School will go on Distance Learning from Monday 14th December until Monday 18th January. Meaning that students will finish being in school on Friday 11th December and return to school on Monday 18th January. The Distance Learning period will allow all families and staff to be able to travel over the holidays and quarantine upon return.

Most of our students are experienced in Distance Learning at this stage and we still expect the same high standards from them when they are online. Lessons will take place at the same time as in school and students are expected to behave in lessons. All camera's should be switched on so that we can ensure that students are present in the lesson and not just logging on. If students are being disruptive, teachers will remove students from the lesson and note this on ManageBac.

Please see our Distance Learning instructional guidelines at the end of this letter for more details of how the educational process will work in the time before and after Christmas break.

I regret to announce that after 18 months of working at Brookes Moscow, Mr Marco Fick will be leaving our school today. Mr Marco (as known to students) teaches Chemistry, Interdisciplinary Science and Maths and has been both a year 8 and year 7 form tutor in our school. Mr Marco is very popular among students and teachers and we will miss him greatly. He will be returning to South Africa with his wife and we wish him all the best in the future.

Mr Marco saw our first cohort of Year 11 students through their MYP Chemistry eAssessments and this year started our year 12's off with their DP Chemistry. We are close to securing Mr Marco's replacement, who will hopefully be with us in January and I will give you more details about this teacher at a later date. Until that time, Mr Campion, Mr Squires and Ms Timshina will take over the Science classes and Ms Luu and Mr Mathioudakis will take over the Year 7 Maths classes.

I need to remind all students and parents of our rules around the use of school devices. Many laptops have been inspected in the past few weeks and it is apparent that many students are still misusing their devices, despite being educated in how to use them properly and being made aware of the student code of conduct. Therefore I would like to remind all students that their laptops belong to the school and are school devices. They should be used only for educational purposes and any infringement of this, such as gaming or social media, are an infringement of the student code of conduct.

We will continue to inspect laptops to ensure that students take responsibility for their choices and to help monitor the use of their devices. We want to educate our students so that they make the right choices rather than force this on them. I encourage parents at home to check the student



devices every so often so that they know that there are restrictions to use and that this will be monitored.

Finally, our Year 11's are working hard on their personal projects and after months of planning, they are currently in the action stage of their projects. Many students are taking initiative around the school and undertaking tasks that relate to their project. Two students, Elizaveta Chochiya and Eldar Asadov are doing a clothes and toy drive and a bottled water project. I have attached information at the end of this letter. Any help or support that you can give them will be greatly appreciated.

One other project run by Ekaterina Leonova, will be to have a non-uniform day on Friday 11th December. Students can wear their own clothes and if they choose to do so, they should donate money that will be used to help the Gunjur Project in the Gambia. The recommended amount is 100 roubles. Please be aware that students should be dressed appropriately for school and avoid clothing that portrays inappropriate language or messages.

Yours Sincerely,

John Downey

Upper and Senior Schools Principal



Distance Learning Monday 14th December - Friday 15th January

Students can open the calendar function in GSuite. Teachers will send invitations to students and they will appear in their calendar. When the lesson begins students will open the invite and select JOIN WITH GOOGLE MEET and that will take them into the online classroom.

Managebac

All lessons will be available on Managebac with a separate description for each. This will include the objective for the lesson and all necessary resources. Even if students are not online at the time of the lesson they should be able to complete the work and the objective from using what is on Managebac.

Conferencing - Google Meet

Students will have a chance to see and hear their teacher in every lesson. This might be through a variety of ways

- Most lessons may require students to be online and join in through 'Google Meet'. Teachers will send you an invitation through google calendar.
- The teacher may record an instructional video specific to that lesson that will be uploaded onto Managebac.
- Students will also get an email notification every time a teacher sends a calendar invite.
- Students can contact their teacher at any time during the lesson through Google Meet. Alternatively if they need any extra help they can arrange to have a video meeting with their teacher.

Teachers will send invitations for each lesson, please be patient and only email the teacher if they have not received the invitation by the time the class has started.

Online Etiquette

- When joining a video call students are not required to be in school uniform but they are required to be dressed appropriately and in a suitable working space.
- All photos and videos uploaded by the teachers and other students are for Managebac only and are not to be shared with anyone else or put on Social Media. Students are also not to video, photograph or screenshot anything in lessons without the teachers permission.
- Students are expected to behave when joining a video call. Teachers can remove them from the conversation if they are being disruptive.

Subjects

For some more practical subjects, students may not be required to join in the lesson online however each teacher will give them instructions on what is to be completed for that lesson and they are to work independently during this time.

If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact me via email. I know that this may be a sudden change but our students have shown before just how resilient they can be and I have no doubt that they will manage this challenge successfully. Please also know that you can contact teachers individually via their email if you have any specific questions about subjects.



Personal Project

Dear students and parents of Brookes Moscow!

My name is Elizaveta Chochiya and I am Year 11 B student at Brooks Moscow.

My personal project is in support of the children at the Detskiy hospice.

This is a very responsible job, and i would appreciate it if you would take a part in our charity event !

From Monday (**30 November**) ,
I will start packing up things that we will soon
be taking with my classmates to the hospice.

We accept toys, clothes, various entertainment items and so on.
(Please consider the toys and clothes should be new)

Let's make children a little happier and help them smile!
The things you want to donate can be left
in a box at the front desk.



Thank you all for your help!



Detskiy Hospice contacts:
Instagram - detskiyhospice
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If you have any questions or suggestions
please email me:
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**Water can be purchased from the
reception until the 11th of
December**

ONE BOTTLE ONE LIFE

**663 million people lack access to
safe and clean water. My goal is
to bring that number down to 0
starting with the sub-saharan
villages of Africa.**

PRICE : 170 ₺

AIM : 300,000 ₺

WATERFORGOOD

**Water for good is a charity which will
use all the money gained from this
project to provide water to the sub-
Saharan villages of Africa.**

