



Friday 18 December 2020

Dear Parents,

RE: Academic Update

Happy Holidays to all parent's, guardians, and supporters of Brookes Moscow and St Petersburg. This time of year is always a great time to see family, continue traditions and eat some good food. Just a quick highlight of academics prior to the end of Term 1.

Senior School/High School

In Brookes Moscow and St Petersburg, we have many students and parents with questions about university and the next step's for their students. On both campuses, we use the **BridgeU** platform for students to research possible universities and also explore career opportunities. Below are some ideas about things to discuss with your students when discussing university preparations.

- Will your student stay in Russia or go outside of the country?
- If they go internationally, what are a few countries that they are particularly interested in?
- Are there visa/passport restrictions in that country?
- What area of study are you leaning towards?
- Are there entrance exams for my university of choice?
- How many DP points do I need to get accepted?
- Do I need to take the SAT?

These are just some of the many things that will help start the conversation with your student and as always if you would like to have a conversation with me, we can set up a meeting.

Key Centre

Over the course of the last week, our Key Centre teachers in Moscow have been using the WIDA platform to see the progress of our students. Following holiday break the same will be done with all of our Key Centre students in St Petersburg. The data will be provided to each parent for you to see the progress that your student has made over the course of Term 1. If you have any questions about the data provided please contact your Key Centre teacher directly or Polina Galantsova (pgalantsova@moscow.brookes.org) our Key Centre Manager.

Term 1 Reports

With the end of Term 1, our first full class report will be issued through ManageBac when our students return from the holiday break. Reports will be released on 9 February 2021 for all students in Brookes Moscow & St Petersburg. These reports will differ from the ones sent out earlier as there will be much more information as well as predicted grades (for DP Students). The only way to access reports is through ManageBac.

Academic Highlights

- PYP classes are currently completing Unit 2 and starting Unit 3 on both campuses.
- All three programmes at St Petersburg (PYP, MYP, DP) are now in the authorization application stage which means in the next two months we will hear from the IB about over visit dates to become an IB World School.



- As we promote lifelong learning, we most recently had two teachers complete DP Training and five more will complete the training after the break. We also had one of our teachers in Moscow complete a Psychology course from Yale University.

Best Regards,

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