



Friday 18th December 2020

Dear Parents,

## **RE: Letter from the Leadership & Management of Brookes Saint Petersburg**

On Friday 11th December, students enjoyed their last day of in-school learning for the term with celebrating the festive season with Santa visiting the PYP classes, Christmas Lunch and class online performances. Alongside this, a final push for donations for the Charity Food Drive occurred for the House Competition, with the winning house with the most items (in kg) donated. Please see the following results:

Total donated: 240.5 kg; 557 items (equivalent to the mass of 414 basketballs or 8000 roses)

- Balmoral (red): 122 kg; 250 items (equivalent to the mass of 174 iPads)
- Caernarfon (green): 49 kg; 144 items (equivalent to the mass of 15,680 teabags)
- Windsor (blue): 41 kg; 95 items (equivalent to the mass of 2050 sushis)
- Blarney (yellow): 28.5 kg; 68 items (equivalent to the mass of 187 bananas)



The donations have already made a positive impact on the homeless and needy in our city. Thank you to all families who donated to make a difference in the lives of those who are much less fortunate than ourselves. Balmoral, as the winning house, will be congratulated on our return to school in January 2021. Many thanks to Mrs Debra Johnson and the Year 9 students for leading the charity projects this half term across the school.

## **PYP Update**

A very busy term is ending in the same way it began - with a short spell of distance learning! The way our youngest learners have adapted throughout this year has been truly inspirational, and they have entered into our final week online with typical gusto. After a successful PYP consultation visit, all of our staff feel there is much to be optimistic about looking ahead to 2021 as we continue on our journey towards becoming an IB PYP School. We look forward to offering our students even more exciting learning experiences in the new year and continuing to celebrate student achievement with our prestigious Golden Gryphon award. As the PYP Coordinator, and a newcomer to the school and the city, I would like to extend my thanks to all of the Brookes Saint Petersburg community for the warm welcome I received since joining. Let's make 2021 the year of community and collaboration!

## **MYP Update**

Year 11 / MYP 5 students have been working very hard on their Personal Projects. We have set the date as 27th January 2021 for students to showcase their products at the Personal Project Exhibition. Year 7 to Year 11 students have been challenged this term through various engaging activities in the course works.

## **AP Update**

Year 12 & Year 13 students have been preparing well for their AP courses this semester. Students have completed their registration for the AP Exams that is conducted in the month of May. Students who have opted for the online courses are working diligently and completing their tasks on time. Students in Year 12 & Year 13 will sit for the **Semester 1 examinations in the week commencing 25<sup>th</sup> January**. Semester Examination will be conducted for English, Mathematics, Social Studies, Science, Elective course and Foreign Language. The exam timetable will be announced in the week of January 11<sup>th</sup>. All students in Year 12 & Year 13 are required to be available to sit these in school. In addition to having fun time with family over the upcoming holidays, I would encourage all students to set aside some block of time to review their semester 1 course works in preparation for the upcoming exams in January. Wishing everyone safe holidays! And looking forward to a great start of 2021!!



## Catch the Gryphon

With one of the symbols of the city of Saint Petersburg being a Gryphon and with our school logo being the same, we have initiated a new House Competition. To encourage our Brookes families to venture across the city of Saint Petersburg to visit the cultural and historic sights during their time here, we are launching the 'Catch the Gryphon' competition.

With their families, students are to find statues and monuments of Gryphons in the city by taking a photo of it with the student in the picture too. For every Gryphon caught in a photo with the student and sent to the form tutor or homeroom teacher, that student will receive three House Points. Catch the Gryphon! Be an explorer, Be Brookes! This competition has no deadline.



Kind regards,

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