



Friday 5th February 2021

Dear Parents of Brookes Moscow & Saint Petersburg,

RE: Director's Letter, 5/2/2021

I am delighted to be back in Russia, and have enjoyed this past week with the students in Moscow. Next week I will be spending a few days in Saint Petersburg, catching up with staff and students there.

We are looking forward to many exciting and promising events on the horizon in both schools, and the Principals will keep you up to speed with these. We are looking forward to inviting our parents in to see both personal projects, day trips being organised for students to go out of school to enhance their learning and also guest speakers arriving to inspire our students with their experiences.

I am thrilled to announce that we are preparing the initial stages for the launch of our boarding house in late August 2021. A boarding house is a private and securely contained living quarters for students who wish to live and work at Brookes during the week. For example, for those older students who wish to have a higher degree of independence and live away from home; alternatively, flexible boarding for those who may wish to stay just a few nights a week, to save on lengthy travel journeys to school in the morning and at the end of a long day.

The proposal for our new boarding house will be within the exclusive living complex of the YE'S Botanica Aparthotel, just a safe, 5 minute walk from the main school building. Here, students will be given the opportunity to stay in single, double, triple or quad rooms, with private facilities on one floor, exclusively run by Brookes. No access will be given to the general public and full time staff, 24/7 will be caring for any students wishing to live within our boarding house. All meals will be taken within school, laundry services will be provided and a schedule of evening study and entertainment. Overleaf, you will find some images of the exclusive rooms for our boarding house. There will be a price proposal for the different number of nights parents may wish their children to attend boarding - these will be published later this term.

In the meantime, we would like to ascertain any interest at this stage from parents, whether it be '*not at all*,' '*flexible interest*' i.e. one or two nights a week, or '*5-day/full boarding interest*.' As such, a letter with a short questionnaire will be sent out for you to complete next week. In addition, we would welcome any interest from any Saint Petersburg students who may wish to take advantage of this on a flexible basis.

On a separate note, we are eagerly awaiting the opening of our new Brookes LIFE Kindergarten, and this is now confirmed as Monday 1st March 2021. Our staff are getting ready, as the final touches are put to the building.

Students from both our schools take part either during the whole year, or termly, in our swimming programmes. May I kindly remind parents that this is a compulsory part of our curriculum, and all students are expected to attend. If there are specific medical reasons why they can not, then this must be communicated formally to the form tutor, in letter and spravka format, which will then be passed to the PE teams in both schools.

On one final note, uniforms at Brookes Moscow and Saint Petersburg (including PE Kit) is mandatory and forms part of the schools official agreements for attending the school. I would like to ask all parents to note this, and to make an effort this month to ensure that all uniforms and PE Kit is bought and provided to your children.

I look forward to seeing you around next week in both schools.



My very best wishes,

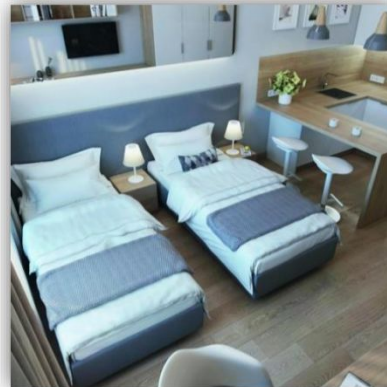
Charley King
Director of Schools

In Picture: Proposed Boarding House

BROOKES MOSCOW



YE'S Botanica Aparthotel/Metro



2-bedroom boarding room

(+ 1, 3 & 4 bedroomed dormitories)



Furnished Study Areas



Furnished living areas/storage