



# DIRECTOR'S LETTER

Wednesday 26th November 2025

Dear Parents of Brookes Moscow,

## RE: Director's Update

It has been a busy week of learning and events for the students of Brookes Moscow, with the highlight being the student success that we had on the MUN (Model United Nations) trip to Bangkok. Congratulations to all the students who participated - you held yourselves well, and made the school and your parents/teachers proud.

I have had a number of requests from parents asking about whether we will offer any provision for the week commencing Monday 15th December, for students to attend activities/schooling. I am pleased to announce that we will be offering two separate opportunities: A Winter Camp (for Years Nursery - Year 9) and also a Study Week (For Years 10 & 11) Details will come out from our team in due course.

As we head towards the Christmas season, we are looking forward to seeing many of our families at some of our exciting events. Once again, this year, we will be putting on Christmas lunch for our students, staff and families - you will soon receive notification about this from our team.

*Some announcements and news:*

### **Alumni (news from last years, Year 13 student)**



#### **Arsenii Tsvetkov - The University of Manchester**

At this stage, of my short time at University, I have found the material quite easy because we covered all of this at Brookes. For me, it's basically a revision—they started from the very basics of the theory so that those who haven't taken Business classes can catch up. All management specializations study together in the first year, so there are about 400-500 people in the lectures. But that actually makes it more fun—you meet new people every day. I've even already joined the committee of the Russian Society at the university, and we'll be helping to organize events there. Overall, everything is going smoothly so far, and once again, thank you very much for your help with all of this.

#### **Profile of a Teacher**



#### **Miss Ashley Johnston**

Primary School Teacher - iPGCE (The University of East London), BSc with Honours in Nursing

Ashley started her career in education in a British International school in Spain as a teaching assistant working with Nursery aged students. This is where she found her passion for teaching and completed her teaching qualification continuing to teach young students aged 3. Following this, Ashley moved to Moscow in 2021 and joined Brookes to continue her love of teaching with students from Pre-Nursery up to Year 1. Ashley is passionate at helping some of the youngest learn to become independent and begin their lifelong learning journey through fun explorative lessons. Outside of the classroom, Ashley loves to create House Competitions for the students of Early Years and Lower School to compete in for the House Trophy.

### **Outstanding Music Success, from our Scholarship Student - Polina Strizhkova**



We would like to share some good news about Polina's achievements. On the 15th of November Polina received the exam results of the ABRSM Music Theory Grade 5 exam. She passed this exam on the first try with a score of 63 out of 75, which, in the grading, is merit (84%). Special thanks to Mr. Skanavi for helping and preparing her for the exam. Polina is planning to continue developing and the next stage is to pass her singing exams.

### **BREAKING NEWS: - The International Curriculum Association (ICA)**

I am delighted to announce that from September 2026, alongside the introduction of the already announced High School Diploma and AP (Advanced Placement programmes) we will be launching a new, innovative and accredited programme of study for our Year's Nursery to Year 9 Students. <https://internationalcurriculum.com/>

The ICA is made up of 3 components: The IEYC - International Early Years Curriculum, the IPC - International Primary Curriculum, and the IMYC - International Middle Years Curriculum. These 3 programmes are very similar to the previous programme which is no longer operating in Russia. We will become accredited in these programmes and begin offering them from September 2026. The ICA is recognised and utilised by over 15,000 teaching professionals and spread across all continents and 80 different countries.

Please find below, a brief overview and links for further information. It is our intention that we will run some information sessions for parents in the new year, leading up to the programme commencement.



The **International Early Years Curriculum (IEYC)** is comprehensive, research-informed and evidence-based on learning in early childhood. It promotes playful learning experiences that nurture key skills required for progression into primary learning and later life. The IEYC represents the beginning of a child's learning journey with the International Curriculum and is currently improving early learning in over 60 countries.



The **International Primary Curriculum (IPC)** supports the holistic development of learners with enjoyable, relevant, and rigorous learning that prepares them to be globally competent, socially conscious, and motivated individuals that positively contribute to the world they live in. Designed to be engaging for primary-aged learners, the IPC embraces the transformative nature of learning with the goal of improving learning for all.



Utilising research around the needs of the teenage brain, the **International Middle Years Curriculum (IMYC)** connects and improves learning and supports the challenging transition from primary to secondary school. Through its progressive, culturally responsive pedagogy, it encourages teenagers to be informed, globally competent, and future-ready learners. It transitions seamlessly into the High School and AP programmes of study.

I am very excited about the launch of our new programme, which alongside the high school programme, will give us a unique vantage point in Moscow, Russia, setting us above and apart from other International schools.

We look forward to sharing more information with you soon.

With very best wishes,  
Mr. Charley King  
**Director of school**

