

10 September 2026

Dear Parents,

Welcome Back and 'Welcome to' event – Monday 14 September

We are very proud of how our students have returned to school following the summer break. We understand the importance of the role of the tutor to students and parents as they are often the first point of contact. On Monday 14 September we will be hosting our first Welcome to the Year event where you will be invited to meet your child's tutor online via Teams for a presentation to help understand some of the key events and support for the academic year ahead and a great opportunity to meet your child's Tutor. Year 7 will be held in person at the school, and all other year groups will meet online via a link sent by the tutor. Your child's Progress Leader has also recorded a short video which can be found on our website [Brooklands Academy - Information](#) following the event.

We have been very ambitious with this event, especially as it occurs so early in the new term with all our system changes. Please bear with us if there are any technical issues on the evening and we hope that you will find it informative to meet the tutors and see the Progress Leaders updates for the year.

Recognition - Earning Achievement Points

Students have already been recognised for their positive behaviour for learning and will now receive an achievement point using our new three-point scale.

Students will receive...

- R1 – 'Meeting Expectations' - Students should receive these for all lessons/sessions where they meet expectations.
- R2 – 'Going Beyond' - Those students who go beyond what is expected should receive these for all lessons/sessions where they have 'gone the extra mile'.
- R3 – 'Far Exceeding' - For a few students who have achieved something notable and impressive that far exceeds expectations and deserves a recommendation.

Rewards and achievements

Students who receive positive points are recognised not just through reward prizes but also recognition in our praise assemblies. We will continue to recognise students with mini certificates and badges as they hit key milestones.

Last year was the first year we had students achieving the Platinum award and some students went on to achieve Ruby. This is a massive achievement as it means these students have been awarded 1000 achievement points during the academic year. Please support the school by discussing your child's achievement points and also check on your Arbor portal.

Reflecting on our reward trips we will be offering a greater selection of trips based on the number of achievement point students have; more points = greater choice!

Enrichment

You can view our Enrichment Booklet here [Brooklands Academy - Enrichment](#). This year we have invited in specialist coaches and staff to introduce new enrichment opportunities. Some of these enrichment opportunities have a small cost whilst others remain free. Those students who are following the 5D Baccalaureate will find these opportunities valuable to developing skills and experiencing new opportunities. These are also experiences that employers and universities are looking for. Please use Arbor to enrol and pay where needed for the courses.

and to give consent for students to remain onsite. Students should not be onsite without permission from parents through the Arbor system. Where possible the cost for students in receipt of Free School Meals will be supported and we will only be looking for a voluntary contribution, if they wish to sign up.

Trips at Brooklands Academy Autumn 2026

We are excited to share the range of trips proposed for the Autumn term at Brooklands Academy. Watch out on your Arbor App and school emails for information about events. All consent and payments will be made through Arbor. We do work to the deadlines stated in letters and make decisions on viability based on returns received by those deadlines and we will not make last minute additions to experiences.

If you have any questions about a trip, or would like to request financial support, email enquiries@bla5d.com and we will get in touch.

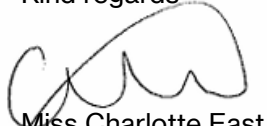
Date	Visit	Subject	Arbor status
16/09/2026	Y13 LawFest Buckingham University	Law	Closed
24/09/2026	Y13 Witness Prosecution trip	Law	Open now
07/10/2026	Y13 Mini experience Oxford	Business	Coming soon
12 to 15/10/2026	KS4 Malaga - Art and Spanish tour	Languages	Closed
15/10/2026	Y11 Birmingham Geography	Geography	Coming soon
16/10/2026	Y10 and Y11 Hunger Games, Canary Wharf	Drama	Coming soon
20/10/2026	The Venue 5D Orchestra	Music	Coming soon
21/10/2026	Invitation - Go Ape Salcey Forest	Enrichment	Open now
04/11/2026	Y7 Matilda the Musical	English	Coming soon
11/11/2026	Y10 Simpson Day Centre	Health and Social Care	Coming soon
17/11/2026	GCSE DT students - V&A museum London	DT	Coming soon
25/11/2026	UK Supreme Court	Economics	Coming soon
04/12/2026	Y12 and 13 - Parliament visit	Politics	Coming soon
08/12/2027	Y9 Warner Bros	Media	Coming soon
16/12/2026	MK Theatre Pantomime	Pastoral/Drama	To be confirmed

Coming up

Vancols photography will be at Brooklands on **Thursday 17 September** to take Year 7 – 11 **school photos**. Post-16 will have their photo session on **Friday 2 October**. Please ensure all students are following our uniform policy [Brooklands Academy - School Uniform](#)

We have **iCaSH** joining us for assemblies for our Year 9, 11, 12 and 13 students on the week beginning the 28 September. They will be re-joining us in November for our Year 10 students. iCaSH (Integrated Contraception and Sexual Health) are an NHS service who already offer age-appropriate assemblies in various schools across Milton Keynes. Their assemblies will be used to introduce their services and discuss sexual health, contraception and STIs, which are adapted for each year group. For students in Year 12 and 13, iCaSH will also be delivering a drop-in session after the assembly for testing and to discuss how to test and the importance of this. If you have any questions regarding the event, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards


Miss Charlotte East
Assistant Principal