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Introduction:

Brookhouse (established 1981) is a co-educational, independent day and boarding school on two campuses serving the international community in Nairobi, Kenya at pre-school, primary and secondary levels.

Brookhouse is a Round Square school and a member of the G-30 group of schools. The school is registered with the Kenyan Ministry of Education, and fully accredited by the AQA, Edexcel and Cambridge International Examination (CIE) Boards UK, by IAPS (Independent Association of Preparatory Schools), by the ISEB and by the Council of International Schools (CIS).

More than forty nationalities are represented amongst the school's 1100 student body, and the faculty of 140 staff include British expatriates and teachers from Africa and Asia. All teaching staff have a Bachelor's degree, and several have advanced degrees.

The 15-acre Karen campus lies 10km southwest of downtown Nairobi, while the 15-acre Runda campus is to the northeast of the city. Facilities on both campuses include multi-purpose classrooms, specialist science and computing labs, art and music studios. Each campus has a performance auditorium, multi-purpose hall, library, gym and aerobics studio, indoor sports centre, swimming pool and athletic fields. A large on-site boarding facility at



the Karen campus provides accommodation for 200 students.

The academic year at Brookhouse is divided into three terms. Term 1 runs from mid August to mid December, Term 2 from January to March, and Term 3 begins in April and ends in mid June. Students attend seven 55 minute class periods per day. There are 37 weeks (180 days) in the school year. Final examinations are taken in June, and constitute 100% of the grade allocation by the UK examining boards.

Curriculum:

From pre-school to secondary, Brookhouse utilises an adapted form of the British National Curriculum to structure its academic programme. In the Primary School various assessments are used to diagnose academic progress in relation to age peers, leading to the Common Entrance examination at 13+.

At secondary level, the Brookhouse curriculum follows the University of Cambridge Board UK system of a two year IGCSE course, usually taken across nine subjects, followed by A-Level study, where three subjects are normally taken. This two year linear course prepares students for their final A-level examinations, through the UK Cambridge, Edexcel and AQA Boards. A-levels provide students with a qualification recognised by universities throughout the world.

USA and Canadian universities consider the two years of IGCSE equivalent to

Brookhouse Graduates College and University Acceptance:

United Kingdom

University of Aberdeen
University of Bath
University of Birmingham
University of Bradford
University of Brighton
University of Bristol
Cardiff University
University of East Anglia
University of Glasgow
University of Huddersfield
Imperial College London
Keele University
University of Kent
Kingston University
University of Leeds
Leeds Metropolitan
University of Leicester
University of Liverpool
Liverpool John Moores
London School of Economics
Loughborough University
University of Manchester
Middlesex University
University of Newcastle
University of Nottingham
Oxford Brookes University
Queen Mary, Univ of London
University of Reading
University of Salford
University of Sheffield
University of Southampton
University of Sussex
University College London
University of Warwick
University College Worcester
University of Oxford





Grades 9+ and 10+, and the two years of Advanced Level study as equivalent to Grades 11+ and 12+. The final year of A-level study is considered equivalent to an Advanced Placement or pre-university course; often credit points for the first year of a USA/Canadian university are granted, given the intensive study involved in A-levels.

College Placement:

180+ students are in the graduating class each year. 100% of the graduating class would normally pursue their education beyond high school, most going direct to university, with a small number each year deferring their studies to take a 'gap' year of work and travel. Brookhouse annual college and university placement: United Kingdom 50-55%; United States and Canada 25-30%; Australia and South Africa 10-15% & other destinations 5-10%.

Subject Selection (at 14 years+):

Students take **nine** subjects at IGCSE: English Language, English Literature and Mathematics are compulsory subjects. In addition, all students receive instruction in IT and take part in a Citizenship programme, Physical Education and Games lessons. Students then choose their other six subjects from: one or more Sciences (Biology, Chemistry and/or Physics); one or more Languages Other Than English (French, German, Spanish, Chinese or Kiswahili) one or more Social Sciences (History, Geography, Economics and/or Business Studies); and one or more from a range of electives (such as Art & Design, Drama, Music, Computer Science, Physical Education).

At A-level, students select **three** subjects and most combinations of subjects are available. For A-level, no subjects are compulsory - Maths and English **are not required** at this level although many students do choose these subjects at A-level.

Subjects offered at A-level include: Art & Design, Biology, Business Studies, Chemistry, Chinese, Computer Science, Drama, Economics, English Literature, English Language, French, Geography, German, History, Law, Mathematics, Music, Psychology, Physical Education, Physics, Sociology and Spanish.

Alternative courses at 16+ for students include the International Foundation Year (IFY) bridging course to university entry, and a range of BTEC vocational subject pathways.

Grading System:

Below is the internal grading system used throughout the school. These grades A-E and U match the boundaries established by the University of Cambridge Board UK for the grading of work in each subject.

An A* grade distinguishes those candidates achieving at the highest level.

| ACHIEVEMENT | EFFORT |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| A (A*) - Excellent standard | 1 - Excellent |
| B - High standard | 2 - Good |
| C - Competent standard | 3 - Satisfactory |
| D - Below standard | 4 - Unsatisfactory |
| E - Poor standard | 5 - Unacceptable |
| U - Ungraded Fail | |

Grade Point Average and Class Ranking:

By policy, Brookhouse does not use GPA's, however at A-level a combination of A and B grades would gain students places at top-rated British universities; three A grades at A-level would deem the student a strong candidate for entry to Oxford or Cambridge universities.

Brookhouse does not have any formalised system of comparison of students, nor of ranking students within their year group, but a student achieving a grade A would be considered to be in the top 5-10% of that year group.

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United States

Univ of Southern California
 University of Miami
 University of Pennsylvania
 Yale University
 Harvard University
 Stanford University
 MIT
 Ithica College
 UCLA
 UC Berkeley
 Carnegie Mellon University
 Cornell University
 Brown University
 NYU
 Embry-Riddle University
 University of Delaware
 Mount Holyoke College

Canada

University of British Columbia
 Carleton University
 McGill University
 University of Guelph
 McMaster University
 Queen's University
 University of Toronto
 University of Western Ontario
 Victoria University
 York University
 Simon Fraser University

Australia

Edith Cowan University
 University of Melbourne
 Melbourne Inst. of Technology
 Monash University
 Murdoch University
 University of Sydney
 University of Western Australia

South Africa

Monash University (SA)
 University of Cape Town
 Rhodes University
 University of Stellenbosch

Grenada

St George's University

Switzerland

Les Roches
 Glion

Spain

Les Roches Marbella

Abu Dhabi

NYU Abu Dhabi

Kenya

University of Nairobi
 Kenyatta University
 USIU
 Moi University
 Daystar University
 Strathmore University