

BRYANSTON

23 March 2020

Dear parents of IB pupils,

The IB have announced that the Summer examinations are to be cancelled. Instead of obtaining final grades through a combination of final examinations and internal assessments, the IB, like UK awarding bodies, will work with schools to agree on a final, calculated grade that is fair and reflective of both current achievement and expected progress. More details, and a comprehensive set of FAQs, will be published on Friday 27 March.

I would strongly urge all IB A2 pupils to continue to work this week, and take advice from their teachers over the Easter holidays. At this stage we do not know when the final submission date is for the IB, and we want to make sure that the grades we send are as up-to-date as possible, and truly reflective of your son's or daughter's engagement with their learning.

I have attached a copy of a letter from the IB to add a little more depth to this announcement. Please do contact our Head of IB, Jo Strange, should you have any questions. Her email address is jgs@bryanston.co.uk.

Lastly, I would like to add that as a teacher and as a parent, I know how confusing this is for us all, but it must be especially so for our children who have seen their worlds change so radically and so quickly. I wanted to say how much we appreciate your support now, and to also emphasise that we will work tirelessly to get your children on to the next stage of their lives. We will work as one team to achieve this ambition.

Kind regards,

Dr David James

Deputy Head Academic

23 March 2020

To our IB Students and Families,

The International Baccalaureate Organization has announced that the May examinations for the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme and Career-related Programme will not be held this year due to the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic.

As an organization, it is critical for the IB to ensure that the options it provides its global community of IB World Schools are based on compassion and fairness for the difficult circumstances that its students and educators are experiencing. As a result, based on considerable advice from stakeholders across the globe, including schools, students, universities and official bodies, the IB has determined what it believes to be the most responsible and ethical way forward.

The May 2020 examinations as scheduled between 30 April and 22 May for Diploma Programme and Career-related Programme candidates will no longer be held.

Depending on what they registered for, the student will be awarded a Diploma or a Course Certificate which reflects their standard of work. This is based on student's coursework and the established assessment expertise, rigor and quality control already built into the programmes.

We know parents and student will have many questions. The IB will share full details and FAQs with us and on their website by 27 March 2020.

For any other questions, please contact Jo Strange, Head of IB at Bryanston via jgs@bryanston.co.uk.

Thank you and stay well.