



A NOTE FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL OFFICE

Dear IB2 Students and Parents,

I hope this email finds you well. Please allow me the opportunity to address what we are doing and have done thus far to keep all options open for our grade 12 students. We understand that the uncertainty surrounding IB exams is causing anxiety for many in our community and we hope to continue to work together to find options for all members of the Class of 2020.

Here is what we currently know:

- Ms. Brown has been in contact with other college counselors and with college admissions offices. Currently, no universities have released a concrete plan, but they are certainly aware of the situation and will, ultimately, address the issue of students who are unable to complete IB exams through no fault of their own. We will keep you posted on any updates as soon as we receive them.
- AISG is in regular contact with the Guangdong Education Bureau. They are unable to give a concrete answer as to when or if our school will be able to reopen for exams. They are very aware of the importance of our exams as they are also dealing with issues related to the Chinese Gaokao exams. At this point in time, we are proceeding to prepare to host IB exams as usual and are also investigating alternative locations, etc.
- I had a meeting with the Director of the IB World Schools Office (located in the Hague) and with our IB School Manager (located in Singapore) this past Monday morning, March 9th. At this point, they are supportive of our students sitting exams at alternative venues in other countries as well as the option of using later exam sessions (November 20, May 21). We know that testing in November and May 2021 is not a great option for most of our students and we expressed that concern to our contacts at the IBO.
- The IBO is also in contact with universities from their side. They will continue to support our students as much as possible. I asked them specifically about Predicted Grades (PGs). Unfortunately, they indicated that they will not be able to issue results based on PGs, as they need to have at least 50% of the official IB assessments (IA work, exam papers, etc) before they issue an official IB grade for a course. While we are currently submitting IA marks, EEs, etc to IB, most courses have up to 80% of the grade dependent on the May exams.

- For students outside of China, I am contacting the IB schools that students have identified, via this [link](#) , as most convenient for them to access in May. In countries that have also closed schools, we are in a double waiting game. We will continue to prepare to hold IB exams for all students as well as arrange for alternative host schools. This is especially challenging in a situation where another school agrees to host our student and then is unable to host the exams at their site due to CoVid-19 concerns. We will continue to monitor these situations as they present themselves.
- We know that students whose college admissions rely on IB results are in an incredibly stressful position through no fault of their own. Ms. Brown will continue to be in contact with universities. We will do our best to allow our students to sit their IB exams in May.
- It is important to highlight that our priority and preference is to be able to offer IB exams in Guangzhou, as we know this is overwhelmingly the best option for many members of the Class of 2020. Please know that we are trying our best to make this happen, but ultimately will have to receive permission from the local governmental authorities to in order to move forward.

Please continue to reach out to me regarding specific IB questions and concerns. I will continue to provide each of you with one-on-one support and will communicate regularly moving forward as new information becomes available. We will do all we can to protect our students' safety and their future opportunities.

Sincere regards,
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