



A NOTE FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL OFFICE

Dear Class of 2020 Students and Families,

As you know, the International Baccalaureate Organization announced that the May 2020 examinations for the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme will not be held this year due to the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic.

We know that students and families have been concerned about how grades will be awarded. IB has added some clarity to their earlier statement of: *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.*

They have announced that schools are required to submit coursework for all candidates. They will externally mark work that is usually marked by teachers (IAs), instead of taking samples and applying moderation. They are requiring that schools submit Predicted Grades for all candidates.

We are very pleased that they now report that they will be using the vast historical assessment data they have to ensure that they follow a rigorous process of due diligence. They will be undertaking significant data analysis from previous exam sessions, individual school data, subject data as well as comparative data of schools who have already completed uploading requirements and those who have not. AISG has a history of accuracy in predicted grades and of strong performance by its students on IB exams. These facts support the class of 2020.

Students will soon be asked to inform us of where they want their final IB result to be sent. Information will also be shared about the option of taking exams in November 2020 or May 2021.

As always, we will continue to support all of our seniors and assist with getting the most up-to-date information on how this decision impacts the college and university choices of our students. For any other questions, please contact Ms. Martin-Bauer and we will be in touch with any new information as we receive it.

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