



## **International School of Kenya (ISK) IB Student and Parent FAQs & Answers**

(updated on 25 May 2020)

*The IB continues to update their [Covid 19 website](#) page with developing news and actions that are being taken.*

*The IB intends to release results as planned on 6 July 2020. Students will be able to access their results on the IB [candidate website](#) on 6 July 2020 from 12.00 GMT.*

### **1. What work do Grade 12 IB students still need to work on?**

All Grade 12 students need to upload their CAS/CASL Final Essay on Managebac reflections under Final Essay, and complete the 'Request for Results Service' process for universities. Students with remaining IAs / coursework to complete, especially Group 6 students, must still check in with their teachers regularly.

### **2. Is there an opportunity to improve our grade and if so how?**

The reality of the IBO (International Baccalaureate Organization) decision and procedures is students no longer have the ability to further influence their final subject grades as they would have with external examinations.

### **3. It seems like our IAs and coursework are the ONLY determining factors of our entire grades now. Is this true? How will we be graded? What percentage will each component be? like IAs, predicted, etc.**

- a) To clarify any confusion, 'Coursework' is not 'classwork'. IA's / coursework means all the IA's, written tasks, oral assessments, arts exhibitions, music and theatre components, IA practical work etc that is completed and submitted to teachers for assessment by candidates during their IB programme.
- b) IB's current clarification of this is; final subject grades will be determined by the IBO using a "calculation based on the relationship between coursework marks (IA's) and predicted grades to estimate the subject grades candidates would have received if the exams had gone ahead." "If the relationship between these elements shows that in previous sessions candidates globally tended to achieve higher outcomes on their exams than their coursework, the calculation used this session will reflect that."
- c) The IBO have not provided any further detail on how the 'calculation' will be made between IA's / coursework and predicted grades.

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- d) All students IA's / coursework will be marked by external IB examiners and considered in relation with predicted subject grades. Exact 'percentages and weightings' each aspect will have in the 'calculations' have not been communicated by the IBO.
- e) Please note, predicted subject grades at this time are independent from the predicted grades gathered by the counsellors for higher education admission purposes. Predicted subject grades are always submitted to the IBO in April by all IB schools.

#### 4. Are our grades really dependent on how candidates in previous exam sessions performed?

- a) From IBO: "We will be using vast historical assessment data to ensure that we follow a rigorous process of due diligence in what is a truly unprecedented situation. We 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."
- b) The use of the results of previous exam sessions globally ("historical assessment data") is to ensure that schools do not inflate or under estimate final grades. The IBO will use this "historical assessment data" "If the relationship between these elements shows that in previous sessions candidates globally tended to achieve higher outcomes on their exams than their coursework, the calculation used this session will reflect that."

#### 5. Can work be resubmitted closer to the deadline of 20 April?

- a) The IBO have clearly stated that work cannot be resubmitted. On March 27th, the IBO removed all previous deadline/time extensions for schools to upload and submit by.
- b) The IBO has stated that "If IA work has already been submitted, then it is this work that the IB will mark". It is important to note that 'submitted' indicates turned in within the school by the due date. The IBO has also advised us that it "is critical that we begin preparing and uploading student IA's / coursework immediately so they can work on awarding candidates grades". Prior to uploading, teachers have to mark, moderate, enter assessment information to IB and prepare materials for uploading. This requires significant teacher time. In the past this has only been required for samples of students for external moderation purposes. This year the IBO requires **all** candidates work.

#### 6. How will an appeals process work should a student not be satisfied with the result awarded in any particular subject?

IB has stated that schools "are able to complete Enquiries Upon Results (EUR's) if they are unhappy with any subject result". This procedure is always in place and the IB Coordinator will send out a detailed information packet about how to request EUR's.

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## 7. Will the IB refund fees?

Schools pay IB Assessment fees per subject for each student in return for comprehensive assessment and support. Although this year students have not sat the written examination component, they will receive assessment of student work as direct evidence of achievement against the stated assessment objectives of Diploma Programme courses. Therefore, the IB will not be refunding the candidate subject examination fees.

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