



Dear Class of 2020 (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 students will have many questions. The IB will share full details and FAQs with us and on their website by 27 March 2020.

As a school and based on the recommendations of the Upper School Academic Council, we have made the following decisions:

1. We still have to take into consideration the Palestinian Ministry of Education requirements for equivalency, as well as university admission requirements for final transcripts; therefore, Mock exams will continue as planned. Details on material coverage and further mock instructions will be dispatched after March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020 once the IBO releases the expected detailed guidelines. **For this week's mock, the Math SL/HL and Math Studies will proceed as planned.**
2. Internal Assessments must be submitted on time, so that teachers may continue to grade them as prescribed by the IBO.
3. We will continue to remain in contact with the IBO through the official channels; we will only dispense information based on their directives and we will refrain from participating in any infodemics.
4. We await further instructions on March 27, 2020.

For any other questions, please contact the following:

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Stay safe and well!

In Friendship

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