



Dear Class of 2020,

I trust you are keeping well, staying healthy and working hard. We received further information from the IBO on what needs to be submitted in terms of your internal assessments. These instructions have a direct effect on teachers not students at this point. Please find the document attached, you may also visit the link below to read it directly from the IBO website. \_

**Before I go into details, I need parents to understand that the school is not a decision maker when it comes to changes within the IB. What the IBO decides in reference to the May 2020 session is their decision. As a certified IB school, our job is to receive decisions, disseminate them and to make sure that students are supported and receive the most help we can offer to submit their work on time.**

Having said that, you need as parents to place your trust in us and the excellent results history we have as a school. We are completely committed to our students' best interest; we will do everything that is possible to ensure that they receive all the support they need to get through this difficult time. We are in close consultation with several schools in Jordan, and I can tell you that the feelings of frustration with the IB processes are echoed across their students, teachers and parents as well. These are unprecedented times. The IBO is fifty years old, the last pandemic that brought the world to a complete stop is 100 years old. So this is truly a first time for the living generations of today.

According to the published IBO Document: (PLEASE READ)

1. Teachers will have to grade internal assessments and submit individual comments for each candidate in each subject. **We are committed to a second feedback, but we are urging you to please send in your final drafts after you receive your second feedback, as soon as they are ready, so teachers have time to complete their work and upload them.**
2. Teachers are working in teams at this point and helping each other to get through this difficult time.
3. Internals are due to be uploaded by April 20th, 2020. Student submission to the school is April 10th, 2020. The sooner you submit your final work, the better.
4. Language A (English A and Arabic A) internals are to be internally assessed, and sampled as is done every year. No change.
5. There has been no change made to the film internal and external assessments.
6. Each student has six subjects, of which four are being uploaded completely to the IBO. Please do not delay in sending your final draft after you receive your second feedback. **We cannot risk last minute submissions, as we also want to avoid any last minute technical difficulties. This is a huge number of documents to upload. We are also taking steps to ensure that we have access to the internet with backup positions.**
7. Please contact me or Ustaz Luai for any assistance you need. We are on our phones, and emails the entire time (seriously, 24 hours/7 days a week).
8. Teachers were notified of all of these changes and the document was also shared with them.



9. Link to the document

<https://www.ibo.org/globalassets/news-assets/coronavirus/guidance-internal-assessment-may2020-dpcp-en.pdf>

We understand that this is a very confusing time for everyone. It is stressful for families everywhere. We are part of a larger context, this time a worldwide context, and much of what is happening is really out of our control. **It is best to focus on the things that we can control, working on internals, meeting our deadlines as a community, keeping healthy and physically active and spending some time with our families.**

Have faith in yourselves, my PhD professor used to say: I have never seen a hard worker fail; you have worked hard, very hard and success awaits you beyond 2020. In the grand scheme of things you have two more weeks and then you are home free! Remember, there is life after a pandemic.

As usual, I am available to answer any inquiries, please write or call me if you just need to talk.

Also keep your eyes on our Ramallah Friends School page, we have a little virtual surprise for you in the coming few days!

Much Love,  
Ms Riyam

