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Dear Upper Sixth Students, Parents and Guardians,

IBDP Grades and Guided Distance Learning Programme

We write with more information about how IBDP grades will be awarded this summer and to outline the Guided Distance Learning programme for the Upper Sixth up to Friday 1st May 2020, the date when study leave would have normally commenced.

The IBO have announced that every student will be awarded a Diploma or a Course Certificate which reflects their standard of work. This will be based on student's coursework and the established assessment expertise, rigor and quality control already built into the programmes. The IBO will also aim to ensure that the distribution of grades follows a similar pattern to that in other years, so that this year's students do not face a systematic disadvantage because of these extraordinary circumstances. If students feel their calculated grade does not reflect their performance, then there will be an opportunity to sit examinations in the November 2020 session.

With this in mind, we are writing to advise all Upper Sixth IBDP students that they should complete any outstanding coursework, as soon as possible. All internal assessment deadlines have now passed but there are a small number of students who have not quite completed individual IAs. The IB have advised schools to upload any outstanding work as soon as possible.

We have not yet been told exactly how levels will be awarded but this clarity should come by Friday. As soon as we have this information, we will share it with you. Until we are clear what will be required, students should maintain their academic momentum during the Easter break. This means students should spend time revisiting notes and completing practice papers for their subjects. This will enable them to be fully prepared for any further teacher assessments that may take place from the week beginning Monday 20th April up to the start of the original study leave date of Friday May 1st 2020.

From Monday 11th May 2020, we will move on to a programme of Guided Distance Learning that will prepare individual students for the next stage of their studies. For our Upper Sixth students, we are hoping to offer a range of opportunities including a 'Step Up' programme of Oxbridge-style tutorials in small groups. This will give a high level of challenge and engagement in the subject area students are preparing to study at university or pursue after Sixth Form. More information on the Guided Distance Learning programme will follow in due course.

Should you have any questions please do get in touch.

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