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Dear Parents/Guardians and Students

June 2020 Cambridge International AS Examination Update

This Wednesday, Cambridge International examination board clarified their process for awarding grades this summer to AS students who are necessarily missing the June 2020 examination series due to the ongoing COVID-19 situation. This press release may be viewed here:

<https://www.cambridgeinternational.org/news/news-details/view/update-for-cambridge-schools-on-june-2020-series-22-april-2020/>

This guidance boils down to the fact that the grade they would be awarded through this process would be a stand alone AS qualification which would not contribute in any way to their final A-Level grade and that their final A-Level grade would then be calculated solely on their performance in the two A2 examination papers to be sat in the summer 2021 examination series.

Following careful consideration of the consequences of this guidance for their overall A-Level grades, we are mindful of the fact that on average student's AS points totals usually have a slightly positive impact on their final A-level grade. Therefore I, along with my colleagues in the geography department and in consultation with Karen, have decided to take the following steps:

- We will withdraw all the year 12 Geography students from the AS papers they have been entered for in the June series, with the effect that they will not receive an AS grade this year and their entry fees will be refunded.
- We will re-enter them for the November 2020 AS examination series, using the refunded fees for the June series.
- Over the course of this summer term we will move straight into A2 teaching (once all aspects of their AS course have been completed) to cover as much of this as possible before the beginning of July.
- This will free up the majority of the first half term of the next academic year to recap and revisit their AS material so that they are fully and freshly prepared to tackle these exams.
- In addition, they will still have the opportunity to resit their AS exams in the summer 2021 series, meaning the final jeopardy of everything resting on a single exam series and only 2 papers is mitigated to the greatest extent possible.

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Please could I ask you to respond to this email by **29th April 2020** with confirmation that your son/daughter is planning to continue studying Geography next year and that you are happy with the steps I have outlined in this email.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me via email at oliverstaines@leightonpark.com.

In friendship



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