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Dear Parents/Guardians,

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – IGCSE UPDATES

I would have liked to have updated you today on the examinations options, however; I still await the additional guidance from the examination board. Allow me to refer to the information from CAIE website;

How will Cambridge assess grades for June 2020 series?

'We are currently working to set up the most appropriate and fair process to provide results. We understand you will be very keen to understand how this will work. We ask you to be patient whilst we set up the process. We will update you regularly on our progress with this.'

So at this time all we can do is await further information for the examination board. Please rest assured that as soon as this information on how to assess students' achievements for IGCSE using the best available evidence becomes available, I will share this accordingly.

For students with syllabuses that involve a coursework element, all coursework deadlines remain in place and coursework needs to be completed. I am sure this will continue to contribute to the overall grade. At this point I can confirm that language speaking tests will not be required to be completed.

CAIE have confirmed that students will receive a grade and a certificate from Cambridge International for IGCSE exams (but not for checkpoint) given the knowledge and skills they have acquired in their programmes of study.

I can share that the examination board has given the flexibility that should you feel it is the right decision for your son/daughter, we can defer some or all entries from the June 2020 series and then enter these candidates in a later series such as November 2020.

Following discussions with you and your son daughter this is an option available. We can enter candidates for this exam series from around mid-May. If this becomes the best option for your son/daughter, CAIE will keep the current entry fee paid as a credit to the value of each entry deferred. This credit can be used against the cost of *any* entries.

When I receive clearer guidance I will share this with parents. Until this time, I hope everyone continues to remain safe following the guidelines for the Ministry of Health.

Yours sincerely,

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Principal