



3rd February

Dear Parents, Guardians and Upper Five students,

Update to Summer 2021 IGCSEs

We have now received news that the Edexcel IGCSEs will not be going ahead.

<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/campaigns/pearson-covid-19.html>

We expect that we will be asked to put in place similar procedures to those of the GCSEs and are awaiting details of these following the close of the consultation last Friday (expected mid to late February). We have yet to hear from the CIE board (DT and Latin).

Our message to students remains consistent and we will continue with our normal teaching and assessments, albeit remotely. Our understanding of student progress and teachers' professional judgements are key parts of our internal scrutiny which are considered when grades are reviewed and ratified internally, before being submitted by the College to the relevant examination board. We have been able to teach in College for longer than most of our comparable schools in other locations and are grateful that we have been able to do so. We are aware of some concern regarding the postponing of the mock examinations and are still planning for these to go ahead. Sufficient advance notice of the re-arranged dates will be communicated so that students can prepare. It is important to note that mocks are only one piece of evidence that schools *may* use to assess grades. We successfully operated a procedure last year that enabled students to achieve the outcomes required and we will use this experience to inform the process for this year.

We encourage students to continue to do their best, no more and no less, and we will continue to support students to achieve their best.

Please do contact Mrs Gribbens, Upper Five Year Coordinator, if there is anything you wish to discuss.

Stay safe, stay well and stay in touch.

Kind regards,

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Director of Studies