

Wednesday, April 29 2020

End of Year Examinations 2019-20 for Y11-13

June 02-12, 2020

Dear Parents,

As you will be aware, our intention as a school is always for students to take an end of year exam in the subjects that they have been studying and preparing for all year. This is to provide all students the opportunity to demonstrate what grade they are capable of in a formal examination setting, thus providing the school with good evidence that could be used to help inform the predicted grade that we will send to CAIE on June 16.

It has come to our attention that some parents are concerned about their children taking an end of year exam under the given circumstances, believing they are not necessary or that the safety concerns they have outweigh the benefits that this option would offer. As a result of this parent feedback, which we appreciate, we offer the following compromise:

Students will be given the 'option' to attend an end of year examination in each of the subjects that they are entered for. If they feel that this would benefit them, regarding their final predicted grade we would obviously encourage them to take the exam, with exams being conducted in rooms with a maximum of 10 students per room. Students will simply arrive, take the exam, and leave, with no additional time required on campus before or after, and minimal contact with anyone during their time here taking the exam. The exam timetable will be confirmed following by May 15, and will run from June 2 to June 12.

For those students who are happy with the work completed internally and the evidence collected by their subject teacher, they will have the option to not participate in the end of year exams.

It is our duty as a school to provide all students the opportunity to demonstrate the grade that they are truly working at, and this is the fairest way to do so, as some students perform best in exams, and these students should have the opportunity to reflect their true level. Subject teachers may contact students who they feel would benefit from taking an end of year exam in order to supplement the evidence that they already have.

Those students who do not participate in the end of year exams will not be at a disadvantage.

Fees for this internally moderated exam session will not change as Cambridge have confirmed that exam fees still apply, regardless of the fact that they are now being internally moderated.

All students in Y11 – 13 will go on study leave from May 15, with staff providing online exam review sessions in the lead up to the exams as agreed with the students, as normally happens during the study leave period, although some subjects still have coursework deadlines after that date which will need to be completed.

Sincerely,

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