

Tuesday, March 24 2020

Secondary School Exams Update 3

Cancellation of all IGCSE and A Level examinations

Dear Parents,

I am sure that many of you will already be aware of the fact that Cambridge Assessment International Examinations (CAIE) have cancelled all of their IGCSE, AS, and A Level examinations for the summer 2020 exam session. Many students have already contacted me asking for clarification about what this will mean for them in terms of entry to the IBSB Sixth Form programme, and also for their university applications.

CAIE have released the following statement to schools and candidates:

***Update from Cambridge International on May/June 2020 exams
23 Mar 2020***

“The situation with the Covid-19 outbreak is changing rapidly. In recent days, many more countries have decided to extend school closures into May and June, making it impossible for many of our schools to hold examinations.

We have been consulting closely with our global community of schools, who need as much certainty as possible at an uncertain time. Our priority is to protect the safety and wellbeing of our students and teachers, ensure fairness for all our students and support them in continuing with their education.

Today, therefore, we have taken the difficult decision not to run our international examinations in the May/June 2020 series in any country. This includes Cambridge IGCSE, Cambridge O Level, Cambridge International AS & A Level, Cambridge AICE Diploma and Cambridge Pre-U.

We recognise that students have been working very hard towards these exams. We will be working with schools to assess students’ achievements using the best available evidence. Students will receive a grade and a certificate from Cambridge International, given the knowledge and skills they have acquired in their programmes of study. This will ensure students do not face disadvantage as a result of these extraordinary circumstances.

We will provide guidance to schools on how students will receive those grades. We are talking to universities worldwide, and they are factoring these unprecedented circumstances into admissions decisions, so students can continue with their education journeys as soon as possible.

We are also aware of the impact the situation may have on student motivation and learning. Many of our schools are working hard to deliver teaching online to support their students’ learning. We will continue to offer a wide range of support and resources for schools, teachers and students on our dedicated pages on our website at www.cambridgeinternational.org

We will provide an update for schools on Thursday 26 March and as regularly as possible. We know that schools will need clear guidance very soon, and we are working around the clock on how to deliver valuable outcomes to students in the many countries where we work.”

As a result of this statement, we have taken the decision to run a rigorous programme of end of year assessment for all students in Years 11-13, that will involve both coursework that can be completed at home in the coming weeks, as well as a programme of internal examinations that will be completed upon our return to school.

In the case of Year 11 students, the grades that are achieved in these assessments will determine whether they progress into the IBSB sixth form programme following the criteria that has already been shared with you previously.

In the case of Year 13, the transcript that we issue as a school will be affected by the results achieved in these internal examinations.

Further details will be shared with you when we have received more information from CAIE and the UK government.

We thank you for your patience and support as we deal with this unprecedented decision, and please rest assured that whatever decision we take will be in the best interest of students, and in accordance with the guidance laid out by CAIE, the Department for Education in the UK, and the universities.

Sincerely,

Matt Tansley
Head of Secondary

Marti, 24 Martie, 2020

Actualizare informatii nr.3 privind examenele din scoala gimnaziala si liceu

Anularea tuturor examenelor IGCSE si A Level

Stimati parinti,

Cu siguranta, multi dintre dumneavoastra deja stiti decizia Centrului de Examinare Internationala Cambridge (CAIE) de a anulat toate examenele IGCSE, AS, si A level pentru sesiunea din vara 2020. Multi elevi deja m-au contactat referitor la acest aspect si au cerut clarificari despre ce va insemna pentru ei si anume cum vor ma intra in programul IBSB 6th form, si de asemenea ce se va intampla cu admiterile la universitati.

CAIE a emis urmatoarea declaratie catre scoli si candidati:

Actualizare de la Cambridge International privind sesiunea de examene Mai /Iunie 2020 23 Mar 2020

“Situatia privind Covid-19 se schimba intr-un mod rapid. Recent, cat mai multe tari au decis prelungirea perioadei de inchidere a scolilor catre Mai si Iunie, facand imposibil pentru multe dintre scolile noastre sustinerea examenelor.

Ne-am consultat indeaproape cu intreaga noastra comunitate de scoli, ce are nevoie mai ales in aceste vremuri incerte, de cat mai multa siguranta. Prioritatea noastra este aceea de a proteja siguranta si bunastarea elevilor si profesorilor nostri, de a da dovada de corectitudine fata de toti elevii si de a le oferi suport in continuarea educatiei.

Prin urmare, astazi, am luat aceasta decizie grea de a anula examenele internationale din sesiunea Mai/ Iunie 2020 in toate tarile. Acest lucru include Cambridge IGCSE, Cambridge O level, Cambridge International AS & A level, Cambridge AICE Diploma si Cambridge Pre-U.

Intelegem ca elevii au lucrat din greu pentru a se pregati pentru aceste examene. Vom lucra cu scolile pentru a evalua realizarile elevilor utilizand cele mai bune metode in acest sens. Elevii vor primi o nota si o diploma de la Cambridge International, conform cunostiintelor si abilitatilor dobandite pe parcursul programelor de studii. Acest lucru va asigura ca elevii nu vor fi in dezavantaj ca si rezultat al acestor situatii extraordinare in care ne aflam.

Vom oferi asistenta scolilor despre modalitatea in care elevii vor primi aceste note. Tinem legatura cu universitati de pretutindeni, iar acestia iau in considerare toate aceste situatii fara precedent in procesul lor de admitere, astfel incat elevii sa isi poata continua educatia cat mai curand posibil.

De asemenea suntem constienti de impactul creat de toata aceasta situatie, asupra intregului proces de motivare si invatare. Multe dintre scolile noastre lucreaza din greu pentru a asigura suport de invatare online pentru elevi. Vom continua sa oferim o varietate larga de resurse si suport pentru scoli, profesori si elevi pe paginile noastre la adresa www.cambridgeinternational.org

Vom reveni cu noi informatii pentru scoli Joi, 26 Martie si cat de regulat putem. Suntem constienti de faptul ca scolile vor avea nevoie de indrumare cat mai curand, si lucram non stop pentru a oferi informatii valoroase elevilor din multiplele tari cu care lucram .”

Ca si rezultat al acestei declaratii, am luat decizia de a derula un program riguros in ceea ce priveste evaluarea cunostiintelor de sfarsit de an pentru toti elevii din anii 11-13, program ce va include atat teme ce

se vor putea realiza de acasa in saptamanile urmatoare, si de asemenea vom derula un program de examinare intern ce va avea loc cand ne vom intoarce la scoala.

In cazul elevilor din anul 11, notele obtinute la aceste evaluari vor stabili daca vor promova in programul IBSB 6th form, conform criteriilor deja discutate anterior.

In cazul elevilor din anul 13, documentele cu notele finale emise de catre scoala vor fi afectate de rezultatele obtinute la aceste examene interne.

Veti primi mai multe informatii odata ce vom fi informati de CAIE si guvernul UK.

Va multumim pentru rabdarea si sprjinul de care dati dovada pe parcurs ce ne confruntam cu aceste decizii fara precedent, si va rugam sa aveti certitudinea ca, indiferent de decizille luate acestea vor fi in interesul elevilor, si in conformitate cu indrumarile oferite de CAIE, de Departamentul de Educatie din UK, si de universitati.

Cu stima,

Matt Tansley
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