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To Our IB Scholars and Families-

The International Baccalaureate Organization has announced that the May examinations for the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme and Career-related Programme will not be held this year due to the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic.

As an organization, it is critical for the IB to ensure that the options it provides its global community of IB World Schools are based on compassion and fairness for the difficult circumstances that its students and educators are experiencing. As a result, based on considerable advice from stakeholders across the globe, including schools, students, universities and official bodies, the IB has determined what it believes to be the most responsible and ethical way forward.

The May 2020 examinations as scheduled between 30 April and 22 May for Diploma Programme and Career-related Programme candidates will no longer be held.

Depending on what your child registered for, the scholar will be awarded a Diploma or a Course Certificate which reflects their standard of work. This is based on the scholar's coursework and the established assessment expertise, rigor and quality control already built into the programmes. To be eligible for these marks, scholars are still expected to complete and submit their eCoursework, internal assessments, and externally assessed components for certain courses. IB has extended the deadlines for submissions for schools currently closed due to COVID-19, and these new deadlines have been communicated to campus coordinators and teachers.

We know parents and student will have many questions. The IB has shared FAQs today, please follow this link: (<https://ibo.org/news/news-about-the-ib/covid-19-coronavirus-updates/#examinations>).

Thank you and hope you are staying well and healthy.

Sincerely,
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