



Dear Colleagues,

As you are aware the International Baccalaureate (IB), like other examination bodies, has been closely monitoring the challenges that this pandemic is presenting for our worldwide school community. We have been communicating with you regularly as we have been working through the options for our schools and student community with utmost urgency.

Our students, their well-being and their progression in future stages of life have been at the forefront of our thinking as we respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

As an organization, it is critical for us to ensure that the options we provide our global community of IB World Schools are based on compassion for our students and teachers and, fairness for the difficult circumstances our students and educators are experiencing.

As a result, the IB with considerable advisement from stakeholders across the globe including schools, students, universities and official bodies, has determined the most responsible and ethical way forward.

The IB will be taking the following actions for the 2020 May Examination session:

- **The May 2020 examinations for Diploma Programme and Career-related Programme students will not be held in any country.**
- Student will be awarded a Diploma or a Course Certificate(s), depending on what they were registered for, which reflects their standard of work.
- These will be awarded based on the student's coursework and the established assessment expertise, rigor and quality control already built into the programmes.

Over the past weeks we have undertaken significant modelling using our global data enabling us to make these decisions with the knowledge we are able to supply universities with student results that fairly reflect their standard of work.

We will be sending the fourth in this series of emails, providing further detail and FAQs, by 27 March 2020.

We thank you once again for your continued support of our students during these most difficult of circumstances and if you have any questions then please do not hesitate to contact us at [recognition@ibo.org](mailto:recognition@ibo.org).

If you have colleagues who would like to receive these communications directly then please encourage them to sign up to the IB HE Newsletter.

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