



6 February 2021

Dear Upper Sixth Boys and Parents/Guardians,

I hope this finds you safe and well.

IB Update

The IBO has now confirmed that, if examinations cannot take place, there will be arrangements for a system to award the May IB Diploma using coursework informed by predicted grades. We will not know more about whether this will apply to examinations in the UK until at least Monday 22 February, when the Ofqual decisions about GCSE and A-Level are due to be released.

As in my last update, the importance of coursework remains paramount (whether exams proceed or not). We have therefore decided to move the March Preparation Assessments for IB boys to the week of Monday 15 March, to allow boys to complete all their coursework alongside good preparation for these assessments. As we learn more, Mr Finch (Director of IB) will be in touch with IB boys and families directly.

March Preparation Assessments

The provisional timetable for the A-Level March Preparation Assessments can be found on Firefly [here](#). Boys working in or beyond GMT+6 time zones will have revised times for those assessments scheduled for the afternoon in the UK, but the sequence of assessments will remain the same. Further details will follow on the arrangements for completing the assessments.

Most subjects will be running two shorter papers during these preparation assessments and teachers will be giving more information on the format and content of the assessments to boys over the coming days. This information will be updated on the Firefly site as it is confirmed.

Information Event

As advertised in last week's bulletin, on **Monday 8 February** we will be running an information event between 5.00pm and 5.45pm, in which we will hope to answer some of the questions you may have about the qualifications arrangements for this summer. There will be opportunities to ask questions during the event, but please use [this form](#) to submit questions in advance. We will make every effort to have them answered during the event.

There will also be an equivalent event for international boys and families on **Wednesday 10 February** between 7.30am and 8.15am. Questions can be submitted in advance via [this form](#).

These information events will take place via Zoom, and the meeting details are given below. At the start of the meeting, we will ask attendees to mute their microphones. If you have specific questions about your individual situation, we recommend you contact your Tutor.

Finally, please may I draw your attention to the notice in the bulletin from Mrs Martin-Merchant for A-Level boys regarding checking qualification entries carefully.

With best wishes,



Sam Baldock
Deputy Head Academic

Information Event for Upper Sixth Boys and Families on Monday 8 February	Information Event for International Boys and Families on Wednesday 10 February
<p>Panel: Mr James Hodgson (Head Master) Mr Sam Baldock (Deputy Head, Academic) Mr Adrian Finch (Director of IB) Mrs Mel Lincoln (Head of Careers and UCAS)</p>	<p>Panel: Mr James Hodgson (Head Master) Mr Sam Baldock (Deputy Head, Academic) Dr Aurora Chen (Chinese Co-ordinator)</p>
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