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2019-2020 External and Internal Examination Update

Dear Parent/ Guardian

We would like to thank you for your patience and support as we navigate our way through this period of uncertainty. News coverage and social media have been abuzz following the external examinations announcement in the United Kingdom and local newspapers have also published follow up articles about the impact on British Private Schools in the UAE. We have had direct contact with the examination boards, and we would like to share the facts with you as they stand today regarding the external examinations. We would also like to clarify details regarding our internal examination process for our Year 7 to 10 students.

Cambridge Assessment International Education (CAIE)

- International examinations will go ahead as scheduled in countries where schools are open.
- The deadline for withdrawing examination entries has been extended to the 17th April 2020

Pearson

- Where schools are open and it is deemed safe, exams for International GCSE, and International A Level will take place for students outside of the UK in May/June 2020.
- GCSE and A Level examinations will not be taking place in any country in May/June 2020. Grades for these will be awarded using the same principles as the UK GCSE and GCE A Level.
- The deadline for withdrawing examination entries has been extended to the 21st April 2020.

AAESS Internal Examinations

- These examinations are still scheduled to take place from the 7th -18th June 2020. The timetable for these examinations will be published at the end of this week.

What does this mean for AAESS students?

At this stage it is expected that our external examination students will sit the Cambridge And Pearson International examinations as per the published timetable. Students who have been entered for the Pearson GCSE and A Level examinations will receive an estimated grade; exact details of how this grade will be determined will be provided by the examination board in the next few days.

For the internal examinations for Year 7- 10 students we will naturally consider the impact of distance learning on the content and grades achieved in this examination series.

Where can I find updates and further information?

For the Cambridge Examination board please visit: [CAIE Information for Schools: Novel Coronavirus](#)

For the Pearson Examination board please visit: [Pearson Information for Schools: Novel Coronavirus](#)

You may also contact our examinations officer, Mrs Reader at creader@aaess.sch.ae, if you have questions about specific subject examinations.

This is indeed a very stressful and challenging time and we encourage our students to do their best in engaging with the online learning platform. Should there be any changes in status, we will update the AAESS community immediately.

Yours sincerely

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