

23 March 2020

To our IB Students 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 they registered for, the student will be awarded a Diploma or a Course Certificate which reflects their standard of work. This is based on student's coursework and the established assessment expertise, rigor and quality control already built into the programmes.

In these difficult times where across the world schools are impacted, we are proud that the teachers have continued to do everything they can to develop IB students with the approaches to learning that will remain with them forever. We also know that they have been prepared well for the rigorous examinations. All that is not lost. We are confident that these students will do well in their future life. We thank the school for that partnership. This is what makes the IB different. We know that there will be mixed feelings about our decision. We urge the school to remind students and parents that their preparation thus far is as important as the summative exam.

We know parents and student will have many questions. The IB will share full details and FAQs with the school and on their website by 27 March 2020.

For any other questions, please contact your school's IB-coordinator, Mr. Niek van Maaren, via nma@wolfert.nl.

Thank you and stay well.