



Tuesday, May 5, 2020

Dear Secondary Students, Parents and Guardians (Years 10-12)

Re: Assessment, Grading and Reporting

As we start our fifth cycle of home-based learning we write to you with details of how we are assessing students' learning during this period and the impact on grades and reporting.

While teachers and students are making the most of home-based learning, we recognise that these are not optimal conditions for learning and assessment. We will, therefore, be making some adjustments to our normal way of doing things.

What will stay the same?

- Reports will still be issued at the end of this semester with most of the information that is usually included (grades, comments, etc).
- Teachers will continue to collect evidence of students' learning during HBL and this will be used to inform this semester's grades.
- Assessment will be done positively with teachers looking for evidence of what students can do rather than penalising for mistakes. Where a learning outcome has been demonstrated before HBL, students will not be penalised for not demonstrating the same learning outcome during HBL.
- Year 12 students taking Pamoja courses will sit their exams at home, as detailed in the email from Mr Stewart.

What will change?

- Years 10&12: End-of-semester exams in the usual format for Years 10 and 12, which were previously scheduled for June, are cancelled. We are not able to run formal traditional exam sessions under the current educational guidelines in Singapore.
- To ensure that Year 12 students do not miss out on the learning from sitting an exam, teachers of each subject will arrange for students to take an exam during lesson time at an appropriate point in Quarter 4 (this year) or Quarter 1 (next academic year). Teachers are encouraged to use the time saved from having semester exams to bring forward work on internal assessments to this semester, and for some subjects to focus on practical work that could not be covered during Circuit Breaker.

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- Year 12: Predicted grades will not be included on this semester's reports. Students will be able to use their semester grades as a guide to finding suitable university courses, in consultation with our university advisor, Mr Hudson. .
- Year 11: As previously communicated, Year 11 will not sit MYP eAssessments as the IB has cancelled them. Our teachers have opted to focus on both finishing up the MYP5 classes and teaching foundational DP skills and content for the rest of the school year. As such we will not run alternative exams. Students will continue with their units of study and be assessed as per normal through assessment tasks that are integrated into the units.

If you have any programme-specific queries please contact our MYP Coordinator Ms Phavana Silva (phsilva@chatsworth.com.sg) or DP Coordinator Mrs Harparsh Saxena (hsaxena@chatsworth.com.sg). We are looking forward to seeing everyone back in school soon!

Kind regards,

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