

## The Senior Leadership Team

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Dear BISI Community,

For the last few days BISI teachers have been providing remote lessons and tasks for students; the feedback we've had so far indicates that this is generally going well. Next week we will survey all members of our community, primary and secondary, for your views on how this initiative is working.

You will be as aware as we are that the difficulties caused by the pandemic are increasing with many people working from home across the world. At the same time, most major airlines are running drastically reduced services with many countries closing their borders. There have been announcements from various governments closing schools for different or unspecified periods. At present we know that we are closed until at least 29 March and that date may be extended. When we have any further information we will let you know.

The International Baccalaureate Organisation and Cambridge Assessment International Examinations have both indicated that they currently plan for their respective IBDP and IGCSE examinations in the summer to go ahead as normal. Should this change for either examination board we will immediately inform the relevant parents and students. Please note the British Government announcement of the cancellation of GCSE and A-level examinations has no bearing on the decisions made by the IBO or CAIE.

The IBO have indicated a change in deadlines for various components of the assessments and we will write to all year 13 parents and students separately to explain these changes.



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The middle and senior leadership team of the secondary school have decided that end of year examinations for years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 will not go ahead this year. Teachers will use a range of strategies to assess their students, this will not include final examinations. We feel that this is acting in the best interests of our students given the difficulties they are facing at this time.

Stay safe and thank you for your continued support during these challenging times.

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