



CAMPION SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

As promised, this is the second letter that will attempt to answer some of the most frequently asked questions (FAQs) I've received to date. I hope that my first letter explained Campion's online provision moving forwards but if you still have questions regarding teaching, please contact the relevant year tutor. Teachers are learning a lot and are in regular contact with each other to share best practice.

FAQs

IB and IGCSE exams

We are still waiting guidance from the exam boards as to how they will award exam grades. As soon as we receive this information we will contact relevant pupils and parents. Both the IB Diploma and IGCSE authorities have stated that they still want pupils to complete coursework (as far as it is safe to do so). Individual subject teachers have been in contact with pupils regarding outstanding coursework. We do not know yet if exam boards will refund the examination fees. Most of the fee will go towards the administrative costs of putting the exams together, combined with making sure that a grade is awarded. These elements have not gone away and consequently it could well be possible that the exam boards keep all or some of this money. Again, we will keep you informed when we have additional information.

Year 9 Checkpoint exams

These will not take place. CAIE have announced that examination fees will be returned as no grades have been awarded. As a school we have no intention of asking pupils to take the Checkpoint exams at a later date. Instead, the end-of-year exams (in all subjects) will happen as is normally the case. Year 9 parents will receive a separate letter concerning the process of choosing IGCSE subjects for the next two years of study.

Holidays/extension of the school year

There are no current plans to alter the term dates. However, we will continue to review this decision based on the amount of time school is closed and the success of our online provision. Given the most recent government directive, we expect to open after the Easter holidays on Monday 27th April. Summer term will finish on Friday 19th June as planned. The next academic year for pupils begins on Monday 7th September with the term finishing on Friday 18th December. Full details concerning term dates will be posted on the school website shortly.

Pupils keeping up with set work

There is certainly an expectation from teachers that pupils will be making every effort to keep up with the work that is being set. However, the school recognises that this might be difficult for a number of reasons,

particularly with some of our younger pupils. Teachers have been asked to be flexible with adherence to deadlines but your child should be proactive and contact the relevant subject teacher and ask for an extension if required. Campion is extremely proud of the pastoral care that it offers to its pupils. If you know that your child is struggling to cope with the demands of working remotely, please take the initiative to contact your child's year tutor directly. Staff are aware that, once school reopens, there may well be a need to adapt the syllabus (both for the remainder of this school year, and possibly next) to ensure that no child has been adversely affected by working remotely. There is no intention to ask pupils to repeat the year due to the school's closure.

I am sure that there are still many questions left unanswered but the information above pertains to the most frequently asked questions by parents. Should you require any additional information, please don't hesitate to contact the school.

Once again, thank you for your support and I wish you and your family good health in these difficult times and I look forward to welcoming your children back to Campion after the Easter holidays.

Kind regards,

Mike Henderson
Head of Seniors