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Dear Parents,

I hope this email finds you well. Thank you for your continued support in these unprecedented times. As you know, Campion believes the best preparation for success in the IB Diploma is through the completion of the IGCSE programme. With the cancellation of the IGCSE examination series, an important part of this preparation has been eliminated – thorough revision for all exams.

Some of you have commented to me that your child's motivation to study and attend online lessons has waned since CAIE announced the cancellation of exams. Some teachers have also made similar comments. Consequently, we have moved swiftly to create a unique solution to a unique situation. The solution described below will work both online and in school.

- From Monday 27th April, Year 11 pupils will begin their IB studies.
 - For online lessons - the expectation is for teachers to teach half of all lessons via Google Meet (the same as all year groups).
 - The remainder of the online lessons will then be via Google Classroom/independent work.
- For all subjects (except Maths) pupils will NOT have separate HL and SL lessons.
 - Pupils will make the choice between SL/HL at the end of the summer term.
 - Note: there will be no CAS/TOK/PE timetabled at this point.
- At the end of the summer term, pupils will receive a test/exam in each of these 6 subjects.
 - Test content will be based on what has been taught in the summer term and/or IGCSE content.
- Work covered in the summer term might include:
 - Revision of some key elements of the IGCSE course
 - Teaching core IB skills for a particular subject
 - Teaching IB study skills
 - A mini-research project
 - Teaching some parts of the IB syllabus

Some (potential) issues

Books – teachers are not expecting pupils to have physical copies of IB books. However, some subjects will require pupils to purchase online copies of books. If this is the case, then individual subject teachers will inform the pupils. Other subjects have been able to acquire online access to books for free and, again, teachers will pass this information on to pupils if appropriate. Later on, physical copies of books will need to be purchased: Ms Varey (IB coordinator) will share this information in due course.

I appreciate that some pupils will be planning to leave Campion at the end of this academic year and, equally, some pupils will still be finalising their plans for next year. These pupils are more than welcome to attend all IB lessons (or some subjects) in order to better prepare them for the next step of their journey.

As is always the case, a small minority of pupils might decide that one of their subjects is not appropriate and wish to change to another one. This will still be permissible but these changes should be made as early as possible and only with the permission of the subject teachers.

Timing of lessons

The timetable for lessons is included below but pupils should receive a personalised confirmation email at some point over the Easter break. Individual teachers will contact pupils (via Google Classroom) to invite them to join an online class.

- Group 1 (English) - Mon 7+8, Thu 3+4, Fri 3+4
- Group 2 (2nd Language) - Mon 6, Tue 3+4, Thu 7+8, Fri 5
- Group 3 (Individuals and Societies) - Tue 5+6, Wed 1+2, Fri 1+2
- Group 4 (Science) - Tue 1+2, Wed 5+6, Thu 5+6
- Group 5 (Maths) - Mon 3, Mon 5, Tue 7+8, Thu 1, Fri 6
- Group 6 (Arts and Electives) - Mon 1+2, Wed 3+4, Fri 7+8

I am sure that this is a lot of information for you and your child to absorb so if you do have any questions, please feel free to send me an email. I am excited by the solution above and believe that it will help your child hugely as they embark upon their IB studies.

I sincerely hope to see you and your child in school before long. In the meantime, I wish you and your family good health and a Happy Easter.

Kind regards,

Mike Henderson
Head of Seniors