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BEYOND GRADUATION

Dear Year 13

After you have graduated, we will continue to give you any support that you need from us. Some information about this is given below but, in general, please do get in touch if there is anything we can do to help.

RESULTS

Your results will become available to you on 6 July at 1200 hours GMT (8:00pm China time), from the IB website, using your PIN numbers. Remember that this sometimes doesn't work on Macs and be prepared – Internet Explorer and Firefox are usually fine. If you lose this information or have difficulty getting the results, please get in touch.

I will be at the school during the week following results, until I leave Shanghai on 14 July, and I will be available by email at any time. Ms Iqbal will also be answering e-mails during that time for Higher Education issues. Mr Joy will be available to help from 14 July.

RESULTS QUERIES

If you wish to query your IB results, you may request an Enquiry on Results. A 'Category 1' enquiry involves the re-mark of all externally assessed parts of a subject. This costs around 650RMB per subject, but there is no charge if the re-mark results in a change of grade. You need to be aware that your grade can potentially go down as well as up, so only do this if you know you are at the upper end of the grade boundary. You can see how close you are to the next boundary up on your online results page. It is usually worth considering a remark if you are 1 or 2 marks from the next grade up. Contact me as soon as possible if you think you might like to do this, as the remarking process takes some time. This is particularly important if you have a university place depending on the remark.

In an extreme situation (which I hope will not apply to anyone) you may resit your IB exams in November (either all or some subjects). However, you have to register for this very quickly, so if you do wish to do this it is important that you let me know straight away, and by the end of July at the latest. It is also possible to resit the following May.

UNIVERSITIES

Your top priority once you have your results is to confirm your university places.

If you have achieved the offer for your first choice university (whichever country it is in) you must contact their admission office to confirm that you wish to take the place. They may also require proof of results. The best way to do this is by getting the school to fax a copy to them with the school stamp on it. Email me straight away if you need this. If you have used the 'Request for Results' service, the IB will send your results straight to the university, though this may take a while to arrive and be processed.

If you have applied to different universities in different countries and have achieved several different offers, once you have made your choice and confirmed it please contact the other universities to let them know that you won't be accepting their offer. They can then give that place to another student.

If you have applied to UK universities through UCAS and have missed out on your Firm choice, please contact that university anyway. Ask if they can still give you a place (they will probably require you to send your results). Even if they don't give you a place, you need to confirm that with them so your Insurance offer will consider you. The same will apply to the Insurance offer. If you miss that, you must still confirm with them whether or not they'll give you a place. They may make you wait until the A level results are published on Thursday 13 August before confirming their decision.

If you are not accepted by either university, you will be eligible for Clearing, a system for allowing students without university places to apply for the places that remain unfilled after the A level results are published on 14 August. UCAS will send you information about this. You must have absolutely confirmed your status with the firm and insurance choices before you enter the Clearing process.

DIPLOMA CERTIFICATE/STATEMENT OF RESULTS

The actual IB Diplomas and Statements of Results will arrive in school sometime in late August/early September. We will contact you by email when they arrive, so that we can make sure that they are sent to the correct address.

Please keep in touch after you have left. In particular, please let Ms. Iqbal know when you have your university place confirmed and you know for sure where you are going.

Best wishes for the exciting summer ahead!

Jane White Head of the IB Academy