

# BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

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Dear Parent,

## **IGCSE and A-Level Results**

I am sure you have read in the press the public examination system this year has been greatly disrupted by the global pandemic. Our Year 11, 12 and 13 saw their examinations cancelled and, over the last two weeks, have seen further confusion sown but the UK authorities' decision to change how grades would be calculated after the original grades had been published and following a considerable outcry from pupils, parents and schools.

While the examinations did not take place this should not detract from the hard work of the pupils and teachers over the preceding two years of study. It was these efforts that provided the basis upon which we were able to predict grades that the examination boards used to award this year's results. BIS pupils at IGCSE achieved a 100% pass rate A\*-C, with 70% of grades awarded being either A\* or A. At A Level we again saw 100% of pupils achieved A\*-C with 89% of grades being A\*-B which are so important to gaining access to the very best universities. Well done to all pupils for these outstanding achievements.

## School Examinations Years 8-10 and 12

At the start of the new academic year, we had intended to run formal examinations in school. These assessments were to mark the transition from online teaching to the resumption of in-school classes. With the extension of online teaching into the beginning of this term, we have decided to delay these assessments until we can administer them in school. Timetables for these examinations will be republished once we can confirm the date on which school will reopen its doors.

#### Staff Changes

I am saddened to announce that Mr Jones, who joined us as Vice Principal in September of last year, will not return to us in September. Mr Jones will instead take up the vacant post as Head of the Rainbow International School, Uganda. On behalf of everyone in the BIS family, I would like to wish him the very best in his new role and to thank him for the excellent work that he did while with us. Mrs Dosunmu will take on his duties from the beginning of this academic year.

### Textbook collection for the new academic year

To reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 the school shop will not be open for the purchase of textbooks and equipment at the start of the school term. Instead, Textbooks, equipment and uniform may be collected from New Horizons at the following times.

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Year Group	Date	Time
12	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	1 pm – 3 pm
7	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	10 am – 12 noon
8	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	1 pm – 3 pm
9	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	10 am – 12 noon
10	Friday 4th September	1 pm – 3 pm
12	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	2 pm – 3 pm

Years 11 and 13 should not require new texts. However, if texts have been lost, damaged or a pupil is new to the school texts may be collected during the Year 10 times for Year 11 and Year 12 session for Year 13.

For families with siblings in differing year groups, books may be collected in the latest session indicated above e.g. for a family with children in Year 8 and Year 10 both sets of books may be collected at 1 pm-3 pm on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September.

To ensure that we maintain social distancing we ask that only one family member enters New Horizons. Masks must be worn at all times and hand gel should be used upon entering the hall.

Book packs will be available at tables around the hall. Each table will be marked clearly by family surname. Markings on the floor will indicate waiting areas for each table and the attending staff will invite individuals forward to collect their packs.

Entry into the hall will be via the doors facing the admin block with departure via the opposite doors.

Thank you for your support in ensuring the safety of families and staff during the collection of texts.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Stewart King

Principal

