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**To: The Parents of students in Year 6, 11, 13 and those selected students in Year 12 -  
CANCELLATION OF ALL BOARD EXAMINATIONS DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

**Dear Parents,**

Greetings from St. Mary's. We have been informed by Pearson Edexcel about the decision they have taken not to hold any General Qualification exams in May and June 2020 globally. This applies to all our students registered for Board Examinations in Year 6, 11, 12 and 13.

We have attached the letter released by Pearson Edexcel to this end and we urge all parents to read this very carefully.

We have had a lot of questions from students regarding the Mock Examinations at school and for the current moment we can only say that if school is functional during that time, then those exams will continue as we have not yet received any information on the global awarding policy of grades by Pearson Edexcel. If the local situation changes as per any updated information from the Ministry of Education, then we will immediately inform you of the next steps from our end here at school. We will also inform you without delay once we receive further information about the Global Awarding Policy from Pearson Edexcel.

Our best advice to all our students is to stay safe and continue their learning and/or revision journey. The wealth of knowledge they have acquired will always hold them in good stead and it will be highly beneficial to them to sharpen those skills before they leap into the next phase in their education journey. We have always worked with them believing in the ethos that 'there is no substitute to hard work.' We would like that they continue to garner the best that they can in this time left with their teachers. We also understand that many of them may be disappointed for not being given an opportunity to showcase their skills on an International Platform. But right now as young adults, we also know that they fully understand the bigger picture and they know that we are all in unprecedented times. At best we hope that they draw on the resilience, they have built during their many years at St. Mary's as well as the outstanding relationship they have with their teachers to get through this. We are here to guide and support them through this sudden change in their young lives and our prayers and blessings are always with them.

Yours sincerely,

**Mr. Paul Asir Joseph  
( Principal )**





# International Centres (not including UK)

## COVID-19 (Coronavirus) update

Last updated: 24 March 2020

COVID-19 is impacting our lives in many ways and the situation continues to evolve rapidly. Our priority is keeping everyone safe and well, and providing certainty at this stressful time.

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We're committed to supporting all of our international customers, whatever your situation. It is, however, clear that this rapidly evolving global situation continues to present significant challenges, changes and uncertainty for everyone.

You and your students have put in huge amounts of work to get to this point, and we want to ensure that they achieve the grades they deserve to move to the next stage. Our focus is on providing as much certainty and clarity as we can and, as such, I would like to share with you an important update.

We have today made the difficult decision not to hold any General Qualification exams in May and June 2020 globally. This applies to iPrimary, iLower Secondary, International GCSE and International A Levels, as well as our UK GCSE and A level qualifications. We remain committed to ensuring that all students internationally receive a result and a grade, and we will award grades to international students using the same principles as for the UK GCSE and A level qualifications.

This will provide timely results and consistency for all students globally to progress to further study, university or employment.

We know you will have many questions about the details of this approach and what to do next. We're working hard on answering these, including arrangements for private candidates, and will share further details as soon as possible.

As a UK and international awarding organisation, we're already working with qualification experts (including Ofqual, UK Department for Education and JCQ), UK exam boards, governments and universities around the world to come together and work on one global approach, so students receive the outcome they deserve.

Thank you for your patience and support as we work to provide you with more details. We'll continue to update here on the website, as well as directly with centres.



Sarah Hogg, [Senior Vice President, Schools](#)

Senior Vice President, Schools

We know you will have many questions and we're working on answering these. In the meantime you can submit questions using our [contact form](#)

If you need to talk to us about COVID-19 (Coronavirus) and the effect on your centre and learners, Exam Officers can call us on +44 (0)344 463 2535. If you are a training provider or employer, you can call us on +44 (0)344 576 0045

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