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To: Parents of Students in Years 11 and 13
CANCELLATION OF PEARSON EDEXCEL IGCSE AND IAL EXAMINATIONS.

Dear Parents,

Greetings from St. Mary's. Firstly, we would like to extend our sincere gratitude for your patience and support regarding the impact of the current situation on the students examinations. We also understand that like us, you too are completely focused on your child's safety as a top priority, and we are certain that these decisions are solely made keeping their safety as the singular focal point.

Our awarding examination board, **Pearson Edexcel have announced that all IGCSE and IAL examinations scheduled for Summer 2026 will not take place in-person in the UAE.** We are still awaiting confirmation for our Pearson Edexcel GCSE and GCE examinations and we will update you when we receive information about this.

At this time, we want to reassure you that school leaders are well experienced in dealing with emerging situations of this kind and we have well-established policies and procedures in place to ensure that we can provide the necessary evidence that may be required by the awarding examination board. We of course await further details from Pearson Edexcel regarding the specific evidence we need to provide them with. Please also be assured, that in situations of this kind, both schools and awarding bodies work closely to ensure that no student is disadvantaged by cancellations of examinations.

We will communicate with you as soon as we have full clarity on the next steps and have received all the necessary guidance from Pearson Edexcel, so we can then address any concerns or questions you may have.

In the meantime, we humbly request you to kindly refrain from making individual enquiries as we will not be able to provide any further information until we receive clear guidance. Please rest assured that we are managing this situation diligently and with care and consideration for our students. We are currently continuing with our Mock Examinations, and we will keep you updated as soon as we receive further guidance from Pearson Edexcel.

We wish you all safety in your day-to-day routines as we navigate the current uncertainty. Please be reassured of our prayers for everyone.

Yours sincerely,


Mr. Paul Asir Joseph
(Principal)

