

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

In the last update dated 17 March, regarding this situation, we were to have resumed school on 1st April. It seems as if so much has changed in just a matter of two weeks. Majority of nations all across the world are in some form of lockdown situation till 14 April with all kinds of rumours floating around that this will be further extended till the end of the month. While we are not sure how the governments will work, we need to ensure that students remain safe and studies continue remotely.

Teachers and students in Tanarata have quickly adapted to this situation and some form of learning continues to happen using teamie, meet and zoom in many levels during this period. I understand that there are challenges faced by both parties while we adapt to this method of delivery lessons, we are trying our best.

The effects of this pandemic is global and will have far reaching ramifications. Already,

- many businesses closed to help prevent transmission of COVID-19. This has led to financial concerns and job losses as one of the first human impacts of the virus.
- not knowing how this pandemic will play out also affected our economic, physical and mental well-being.
- despite this fear, businesses, schools and communities in many regions have shown a more altruistic response in the face of crisis.
- the postponement of the Japan Olympics
- and ultimately what has affected us the most is the cancellation of the yearly Checkpoint and IGCSE examinations.

We are still waiting for guidance from Cambridge Examinations as to how the students will be graded, but as a school, these are a few decisions we have made;

1. All students from Year 1 till Year 10 will be graded for their Term II Transcripts based on classwork, assessments and/or online tests.

2. We plan on having the Second Trial Examinations for our students in Year 11 who were preparing for their IGCSEs when we return for our **Term III as planned on 20th April**. So students, this will give you another chance to better your grades. Keep Studying!

3. This also includes the students sitting for language IGCSEs in Year 9. Oct-Nov session does not have language exams, therefore either we give you predicted grades or you have to sit for your exams next year.

4, The students in Year 10, who were to have sat for their Math IGCSEs in May-June, we intend to re-register you for Oct-Nov session if its is possible. We will only know if that is possible after we hear from them later today. These are unprecedented situations for CIE too, and they need to ensure that the grading system remains fair.

5, The Year 9 students were to have sat for the Checkpoint examinations, but it has been cancelled by CIE, I am assuming that fees paid to them will be refunded. We will keep you posted on this matter as and when we hear from them. There is no need to withdraw students anymore as indicated in the previous email dated 24 March.

Fear of the unknown often leads to feelings of panic and lack of information or the wrong information, either provided inadvertently or maliciously, can amplify the effects. Do feel free to email me should you have any questions and I will try my best to answer with the information I have.

In the meantime, stay safe, healthy and happy!

Regards,  
Barnali Guha



**TANARATA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS**

TiS @ Planters Grounds, 3.5 mls Kajang-Serdang Road, 43000 Kajang, Selangor, Malaysia

**Tel:** +60 (03) 8737-7366

**Fax:** +60 (03) 8734-3848

**Email:** [principal@tanarata.net](mailto:principal@tanarata.net)

[www.tanarata.net](http://www.tanarata.net)