



Coronavirus Update 18

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Dear Parents, Students and Guardians,

Please find below an update on some of the key issues regarding the move to full-time Home Based Learning in Term 2 from 8 April.

This Week's Schedule

ACS (International) will remain open until Tuesday 7 April. On Wednesday 8 April students will remain home, while staff have a one-day HBL Preparation Day during which there will be no HBL lessons. The school made the decision to provide staff with a preparation day in order to provide some further lead time to get the resources and associated tasks ready for the commencement of full HBL. From Thursday 9 April full HBL will commence, with public holidays being observed.

Home Based Learning Expectations

The school has provided two documents to assist parents and students with what to expect from HBL days at ACS (International). It is critical that you and your child read these so that you know what is expected of your child, what they need for HBL and what you can expect from the school.

These can be found on the school website under "Life at ACS -> HBL FAQ", or through the link below:

<https://www.acsinternational.edu.sg/en/our-school/hbl-faq/>

Closure of School Campus

The school campus will be closed on Wednesday 8 April until such time that the school is allowed to reopen. Therefore, students should take all that they need home with them on Tuesday for the HBL period. This includes clearing their locker and taking home any required subject resources such as textbooks.

External Exams

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, both the IB and IGCSE May exam sessions have been cancelled. ACS (International)'s main exam session is in November, so this announcement only impacts students who were taking language and IGCSE Drama exams in May. These students have been contacted directly to explain the impact that it has on them, and how each examination board is now evaluating student performance. For more information please follow the links below:

IB Exams

<https://www.ibo.org/news/news-about-the-ib/covid-19-coronavirus-updates/>

IGCSE Exams

<https://www.cambridgeinternational.org/news/news-details/view/update-for-cambridge-schools-on-may-june-2020-exams-20200401/>

Internal Exams

ACS (International) plans to continue with the normal prelim exam cycle in Term 3. However, should the COVID-19 situation not permit that, we will consider a delay to the Term 3 exams or other means of assessments.

Yours sincerely,

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