



Dear CAIE Students and Parents

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Update from CAIE on school-assessed grades for June 2021 - what students need to know:

CAIE decided that in countries, and regions of countries, where government directives mean that exams cannot take place, schools will switch from exams to a school-assessed grade approach using student work completed between December 2021 and April 2021.

All Cambridge Schools will follow the same approach as stipulated by the CAIE:

Every Student will receive school-assessed grades for the qualifications in this exam series.

How will my grade be calculated?

Schools will provide you with an assessed grade that reflects the level of achievement you have demonstrated.

Your school will calculate this grade **based on a portfolio of three substantial pieces of your work for each syllabus**. We will ask schools to share details of the processes they have followed while collating your work, and when submitting your grade to us.

We will also carry out external quality assurance checks on grades.

Will I be disadvantaged by this decision?

No. Students taking Cambridge International exams will not be systematically advantaged or disadvantaged compared to students whose grades are determined using school assessment. The route a student takes in June 2021 will not determine how hard it is to achieve good grades.

Will having a school-assessed grade disadvantage me as I apply for university?

CAIE will continue to work with universities, so they understand the approach for 2021 and can make informed admission and credit decisions. Very few universities wish to distinguish between exam grades and school-assessed grades when they make decisions about who to admit onto competitive courses. As CAIE receives more information from universities, they will post it on the recognition webpage.

The information above has been taken from official communication that CAIE has sent to schools yesterday. Your Head of School will provide more detailed information regarding how your school assessed grade (SAG) will be determined for the respective subjects and what to expect in Term 3, starting 11th April 2021.

No further school examinations are planned for our IGCSE students this year. The Preliminary exams for the AS/AL students will continue and any possible amendments to the schedule will be shared with Y12 and 13 students by Ms Srilata.

Wishing you the very best.

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