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Dear families of Cambridge learners,

We appreciate the serious concern caused by Covid-19 (coronavirus), and the impact it may be having on you and your family. I want to assure you that our priority is to protect the safety and wellbeing of everyone in our school communities. It is also important that we ensure fairness for your children and that we support them in continuing with their education.

The situation is changing rapidly. Many countries have extended school closures into May and June, making it impossible for many of our schools to hold examinations. As a result, we took the difficult decision on 23 March 2020 not to run our international examinations in the May/June 2020 series in any country. This includes Cambridge IGCSE, Cambridge O Level, Cambridge International AS & A Level and Cambridge Pre-U. In addition, our Cambridge Checkpoint test series in May 2020 will not take place.

We recognise that your children have been studying very hard for these exams and how important it is that they receive the grades they deserve to progress to their next stage of learning. We will be working with schools worldwide to make sure the grades earned by your child represent their achievement using the best available evidence. We will issue a grade and a certificate from Cambridge International for all qualifications other than Checkpoint so that your children do not face disadvantage because of these extraordinary circumstances.

We are also aware this is a particularly important time for many students who are looking forward to going to university after their exams. We want to reassure you that the grades and qualifications that we award for this May/June series will be of the same value as the grades and qualifications for any other series. We are working closely with universities to make sure that grades are accepted in the usual way.

We know that schools are doing an outstanding job of delivering teaching online and supporting students and their families. We understand how important it is to keep students engaged and motivated with their learning, and help them feel connected with their teachers and fellow students. We are offering a wide range of resources to help teachers and students during this time, and we will keep talking with schools to make sure we are giving them a wide range of support over the coming months.

All Cambridge International staff around the world understand that this must be a very difficult time for you and your family, and our thoughts and best wishes are with you all.

Stay safe and stay strong.

Yours faithfully,



Ben Schmidt

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