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Dear Parent

In view of the increasing number of Covid-19 cases in the India, Cambridge International has decided to switch from exams to school-assessed grades, so that students can receive certification and progress with their education.

The school-assessed grades in June 2021 are different to the predicted grades which were issued in the June 2020 series. The predicted grades issued in June 2020 were based on the centre's judgement of what the candidate would have achieved had the exams taken place – a judgement based on potential. In June 2021, the school-assessed grades will be based on actual achievement.

For June 2021, the grading process will look back to the last June exam series, which was June 2019. Cambridge International will identify a set of **benchmark centres** (schools with large and stable numbers of entries) from the centres submitting school-assessed grades in order to set grade thresholds for the exams which permit the same level of movement compared to June 2019.

In this way, students taking the examinations will not be systematically advantaged or disadvantaged compared to those whose grades are determined using school-assessment.

Steps to be followed by us under the school assessed grade approach:

1. We will provide an assessed grade based on the level of achievement that each student has demonstrated.
2. To assess this grade, we will identify a portfolio of three substantial pieces of work from each student in every syllabus. In doing so, we have to follow internal quality assurance process and share the details with Cambridge International.
3. We will then submit grades to Cambridge International.
4. The grades will be sent by our teachers, however there will be an external quality assurance process carried out by Cambridge, where they would ask us to submit the portfolio of any or all of the students as per their requirement. Any change to the school's assessed grades would be as a result of the external quality assurance process that Cambridge International will be carrying out.

Cambridge International has asked schools to base their judgement of the candidate's achievement on demonstrated achievement only. The school's cannot speculate whether the student could have done better had there been no pandemic or no disruption to teaching and learning.

Complete details on the school assessed grades can be accessed on this link

<https://www.cambridgeinternational.org/covid/june-2021-exam-series/school-assessed-grades>

Regards

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