Dear Team,

Significant changes are taking place as COVID 19 affects the world. Please stay away from people and stay home. Get a mask if you have to go out.

We are pleased with the increased effort of teachers to deliver lessons and work from a distance. There is enthusiasm which we are hoping will spread to all staff.

School is scheduled to continue up to April 8, after which we break for the Easter holidays from April 9 to 19. We will resume classes at school on Monday April 20, if the nation is in an acceptable state. We will deliver remotely until then. Teachers may continue to offer extra help to our exam students during the Easter break.

CXC has indicated that external exams will begin in July, again depending on our state, which means we will continue our preparation up to exams. **The assessment will be done by using the SBAs and a Multiple Choice paper.** The SBA/IA deadlines have been moved back by one month. This gives us a little time to review and improve scores. Incomplete labs will be a challenge, if the school does not resume with time to finish them. There are also other matters to be discussed including special preparation for the CXC MCQ papers.

We are asking teachers of 1st to 3rd form to use Google Classroom and other Google tools to deliver their classes and work. This is the preferred platform for the school and encourage the transition to it. Teachers of exam groups from 4th to 6th form are asked to continue using the platforms that you have been using so as not to create any disruption at this time. Teachers needing hardware or other support, please contact Mrs. Bromfield or Mr. Mazlyn. We expect all teachers to be delivering to their students this week.

Please note that Mock Exam grades are due this week and as these are final reports for these students, they should include comments and skill sets. Please also populate the SBA classes for 5th and 6th form. Let us know if there are concerns

COVID 19 has already impacted how we live and work. There is more to come. Let us become more prepared and make the required adjustments.

Most importantly, let us be careful and safe.

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