

6<sup>th</sup> May, 2020

Dear Parents,

As you are aware the Supreme Committee have designated Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> May 2020 as the end of the academic year for government and private schools. Although we support this decision and the rationality behind it, we are also acutely aware this could mean an extended period without guided learning for our students.

As a result, and to ensure everyone is ready for next school year, we would like to invite all students to participate in our TSS (The Summer School) programme. Although participation is not compulsory, we would strongly recommend that students take part, as it will help in preparation for next year. It will also help consolidate work that has been done this year.

Furthermore, given that we follow an international curriculum in a number of areas, we believe it is important for our students to remain engaged in learning over the next few months, so they remain on par with other students following the same courses.

This programme will start on Sunday 10th May and continue until school commences again at the end of August. The programme will be implemented in three phases.

<u>Phase 1: TSS SLIP (Summer Learning Interactive Programme)</u>. This will run from Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> May until Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June. In essence TSS SLIP will take a very similar format to the on-line learning we have been providing since the school was closed at the end of March. Students will be provided with work in a variety of formats through our on-line platforms and teachers will host 'live' lessons, where appropriate. Teachers will be available on-line to students and parents from 9:00am until 1:00pm each day.

**Special Note 1**: For our Year 10 IGCSE and Year 12 IB students on-line learning will continue in the same format as present until the end of this academic year.

**Special Note 2**: Our Year 11 IGCSE students have until May 21<sup>st</sup> to submit work to school to try and enhance their grades. The procedures for submitting work was outlined in a letter from Mr Mohammed (IGCSE Coordinator) to all parents last month.

Special Note 3: No work will be set during the Eid Al Fitr celebrations.

<u>Phase 2: TSS SLAP (Summer Learning Advancement Programme)</u>. This will run from Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June until Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August. We fully appreciate that Phase 2 is during the summer break and as a result the tasks set will be meant to reinforce skills learnt throughout the year. It is our hope that by staying active throughout the summer, students will retain good study habits in preparation for next school year.

<u>Phase 3: TSS SLOP (Summer Learning Orientation Programme)</u>. Prior to the beginning of next academic year, the school will send out information pertaining to the year ahead. This will be age group appropriate and will outline our expectations for each student. Given that the authorities have not yet set a date for the reopening of schools, I am unable to give an exact date of when this information will be sent out.

Please encourage your students to participate in the summer school programme, as we believe that it will have enormous benefits for next school year.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.