

Friday, 24 January 2020

International Secondary Assessments Jan to June 2020

Dear International Secondary Parents,

As promised, here are all the major assessments planned, that will take place during the second semester at GESM in the International Secondary section. Each class will have a copy hanging in their classroom and each student/parent should keep one handy for future reference and when making plans. Please keep in mind the fact that some of these dates can be changed due to unforeseen events that may happen (such as natural causes or sick leave) but the content and estimated time of the students being assessed will follow as indicated in this planning:

Grade 6i will have their very first exam week this semester. It will take place from 26 May to 5 June during which they will be assessed in their core subjects: English, German, Math, and Sciences. These exams will carry a lot of weight for their final grade. Their other subjects will have their assessments planned before and after the exam week (but never during, so the students can solely focus on their cores on these given dates). No extra homework will be given during exam week so they can solely focus on exams. Students will carry on with their normal schedules during exam week and have their assessments during their regular subject hours. They will have no more than 1 exam per day so they can optimize their learning plan. Each subject is color-coded in the planning, matching the dates on which they take place. The subjects in white are not cores but will nevertheless be subject to assessment on different dates, outside the exam week. Please note that this is only a first draft and some exam dates might change as we approach the exam weeks. An updated version will be given to you in April.

Grades 7i and 8i will have their exams during their normal schedule subject hours. They will only be assessed on their core subjects so they understand the importance of the latter (being mandatory for their IGCSE's and IB). Exam week for these classes will take place from 26 May to 5 June. They will have no more than 1 exam per day so they can optimize their learning plan. Each subject is color-coded in the planning, matching the dates on which they take place. The subjects in white are not cores but will nevertheless be subject to assessment on different dates, outside the exam week. Please note that this is only a first draft and some exam dates might change as we approach the exam weeks. An updated version will be given to you in April.

Grades 9i will be assessed in each subject. Grade 9i will have their exam week from 26 May to 5 June. Each student will have no more than 2 exams per day, according to their subject choices. The students in these grades will have a special schedule made for them during this event, which re-enacts the actual IGCSE examination in time and similar to what was organized in November. This will help them understand what they are preparing for and the conditions in which the exam takes place. There will be no regular classes during this time.

Grade 10i will follow a special Exam prep schedule from Monday, 17 Feb to Friday 21 Feb. as other classes will be on class trips. During this week, they will concentrate on specific subjects and examination preparation. They will start school every day at 7:30 and finish at 1:30 that week. From 13/**16 March** to 1 April they will sit their IGCSE Mock examinations (with a small break on 20 March no classes, and 23 and 24 is DSD I Orals). These mocks replicate the actual IGCSE which means that each subject comprises 2 examinations. The schedule has been issued to students.

Report cards: All grades will receive feedback from these examinations. Grade 10i will have their mock exam results shared in the beginning of April. They will no longer receive a report card this school year, instead they will be issued their official IGCSE results at the end of August. This is what is used to determine provisional or definite acceptance into the IB diploma program. Grades 6i to 9i will get their complete report cards by the end of their second semester, as indicated in the school's calendar, by 1 July.

Once again, we thank you for your support and cooperation in following this schedule and helping the students plan for their revisions. We will be doing the same from our side!
If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Kind regards,

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May/June exam weeks **grades 6i**

1st draft, subject to possible change, update will follow as we approach the exam weeks

(26 May to 5 June)

English	Wed. ,27 May
	Tuesday, 2 June
	Fri, 29 May
German	Wednesday, 3 June
	Thursday, 4 June
Math	Tuesday, 26 May
Science	Mon, 1 June

May/ June exam weeks **grade 7i**

1st draft: subject to change, **update will follow as we approach the exam weeks**

(26 May to 5 June)

English	Friday, 29 May
German	Monday, 1 June
	Thursday, 4 June
Math	Wednesday, 3 June
Science	Tuesday, 2 June

May/ June exam weeks **grade 8i**

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(26 May to 5 June)

English	Friday, 15
German	Wednesday, 20
	Thursday, 21
Math	Monday, 18
Science	Thursday, 21

May/ June exam weeks **grade 9i**

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(26 May to 5 June)

English Lit.	Thurs, 28 May
English Lang.	Friday 29 May
German	Thurs, 28 May
Math	Mon, 1 June
Chemistry	Tues, 2 June
Physics	Wed, 27 May
Biology	Wed, 3 June
History	Friday, 22 May
	Friday, 5 June
Geography	Tues, 26 May
French	Tues 29, May
Com Sc.	Fri, 22 May
Bus. St.	Mon, 25 May
	Thursday, 4 June
Visual Arts	Wed, 27 May
Music	Mon, 29 May

March mocks **grade 10i**

(16 March to 1 April)

Week 1

Date		Paper	Time	Duration
Friday March 13	Morning	Biology 4BI1 1B Paper 1	8:00-10:00	2:00
	Afternoon	French 4FR1 01 Paper 1: Listening in French Paper 2: Reading and Writing in French Geography 4GE1 01 Paper 1: Physical geography	12:00-12:30 1:00-2:45 1:00-2:10	0:30 1:45 1:10
Monday March 16	Morning	English Literature 4ET1 01 Paper 1: Poetry and Modern Prose	8:00-10:00	2:00
	Afternoon	Chemistry 4CH1 1C Paper 1	1:00- 3:00	2:00
Tuesday March 17	Morning	German 4GN1 01 Paper 1: Listening in German	8:00-8:30	0:30
		German 4GN1 02 Paper 2: Reading and Writing in German	9:00-10:45	1h45
	Afternoon	Computer Science :4CP0 01 Paper 1 Principles of Computer Science History 4HI1 01 Paper 1: Depth Studies	1:00-3:00 1:00-2:30	2:00 1:30
Wednesday March 18	Morning	Mathematics 4MA1 1F/H Paper 1: Foundation and Higher Tiers	8:00-10:00	2:00
	Afternoon	No Afternoon examinations		
Thursday March 19	Morning	Physics 4PH1 1P Paper 1	8:00-10:00	2:00
		Art Timed session (coursework)	8:00-12:00	4:00

	Afternoon	English Literature 4ET1 02 Paper 2: Modern Drama and Literary Heritage Texts	1:00-2:30	1:30
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Week 2

Date		Paper	Time	Duration
Monday March 23 and Tuesday March 24		NO EXAM: DSD 1 Orals		
Wednesday March 25	Morning	Business 4BS1 01 Paper 1: Investigating small businesses	8:00-9:30	1:30
		Music Component 3: Appraising 1MU0 03	8:00 9:45	1:45
	Afternoon	Biology 4BI1 2B Paper 2	1:00-2:15	1:15
Thursday March 26	Morning	English Language 4EA1 01 Paper 1: Non-fiction Texts and Transactional Writing	08:00-10:15	2:15
	Afternoon	Business 4BS1 02 Paper 2: Investigating large businesses	1:00-2:30	1:30
Friday March 27	Morning	Mathematics 4MA1 2F/H Paper 2: Foundation and Higher Tier	8:00-10:00	2:00
	Afternoon	English Language 4EA1 02 /Paper 2: Poetry and Prose Texts and Imaginative Writing 1h 30m	1:00-3:00	2:00

Week 3

Date		Paper	Time	Duration
Monday March 30	Morning	Chemistry 4CH1 2C	8:00-9:15	1:15

		Paper 2		
	Afternoon	History 4HI1 02 Paper 2: Investigation and Breadth Studies	12:00-1:30	1:30
Tuesday MARCH 31	Morning	Physics 4PH1 2P Paper 2	8:00-9:15	1:15
		Art Timed session 2 (coursework)	8:00-12:00	4:00
	Afternoon	Geography 4GE1 02 Paper 2: Human geography	1:00-2:45	1:45
Wednesday April 1	RESERVE DAY IN CASE OF SCHOOL CLOSURE			

Exam week: (26 May to 5 June)

GRADE 6i	SECOND SEMESTER
English	Separate Language and Literature papers. Paper 1 Literature-LMB Literature (as scheduled in exam week) : Mr. Buck Paper 2 Lit –2th June Mr. Buck Lang Paper 2- 25th February , Lang Paper 2– (as scheduled in exam week) : Mr. Lamoureux
Math	New assessments are being made to re-evaluate levels (as scheduled in exam week)
German	Exam 1: 17-18 March Listening Exam 2: 3 June Written, Grammar, Vocabulary + Oral (flexible dates) 4 June
Science	Feb. 24, 2020 (Assessment 3): Living things, Microorganisms and diseases (as scheduled in exam week) 90 min. Written Exam. (Putting things into Groups, Habitats and environment, forces and their Effects, forces and their Effects)
History	Written Assessments: 28th Feb : Fall of Rome and Islam Friday April 3rd : Middle Ages- Important Events, culture, lifestyle and Feudalism Tuesday 9 June : “Black Death, Medieval Life and The Norman Invasion”
Geography	Written Assessments: March 31 : "Landforms: Glaciers, Mountains, Erosion and Rivers" June 9 : "Water Resources and Africa"
French	March 26 : Written, Grammar Reading, Listening 10 and 11 June : Orals
Computer Science	Project Based Learning Python programming.
Music	Written test March 25 : Analysis of a piece Practical test 8 to 12 June : Recital
Visual Arts	??? Portrait Jun 11 : submission of sketchbooks
Sports	Skill execution, decision making, attitude to learning.
EAL	Feb 5 : 90 Min Written, Grammar, Vocabulary, Listening + oral (flexible dates)

	<p>May 14-21 - 90 Min Written, Grammar, Vocabulary, Listening + oral (flexible dates)</p> <p>June 2-5 Orals</p>
Special Needs	<p>Access Arrangements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Separate testing room • Provision to use word processor for long responses • Extended time to finish exams • Modifying rubric for written tasks based on individual needs of the student (Dyslexia, Dysgraphia etc.)

Exam weeks

(26 May to 5 June)

GRADE 7i	SECOND SEMESTER
English	April 8th: Real Life- plan & produce an autobiographical essay focusing on a particular time, or event in their own lives (as scheduled): Exam- Poetry Elements- alliteration, personification, etc.
Math	New assessments are being made to re-evaluate levels (as scheduled in exam week)
German	Exam 3: March, 17 Listening Exam 4: 21 May and 4 June Written, Grammar, Vocabulary + oral (flexible day(s))
Science	Jan. 28, 2020 (summative test): the properties of sounds, the link between loudness and amplitude, pitch and frequency Feb. 27, 2020 (Summative test): Speed including distance/ time graph, forces and magnets March 24, 2020 (summative test): Obtaining food, Relationship between diet and fitness, organs and functions of alimentary canal, functions of enzymes. (as scheduled): . (90 min. Year-end Exam) Light, Sound, forces, Obtaining food, respiration and circulation, reproduction and growth.
History	(13 May) Paper 1 27 May Paper 2
Geography	Written Assessments: March 27th: Asia’s Geography and Features June 5: “China’s People, Culture, History”
French	24 March Written, Grammar (part one) 26 March Reading, Listening (part two) 9 to 11 Jun. Orals

Computer Science	Project Based Learning Python programming.
Music	Written test March 27: Analysis of a piece Practical test Date? 8 to 11 June: Recital
Visual Arts	18 May: Design works Jun 8: submission of sketchbooks
Sports	Skill execution, decision making, attitude to learning.
EAL	Feb 5: 90 Min Written, Grammar, Vocabulary, Listening + oral (flexible dates) May 21-28: 90 Min Written, Grammar, Vocabulary, Listening + oral (flexible dates) June 2-5 Orals
Special Needs	Access Arrangements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Separate testing room • Provision to use word processor for long responses • Extended time to finish exams • Modifying rubric for written tasks based on individual needs of the student (Dyslexia, Dysgraphia etc.)

Exam weeks: (26 May to 5 June)

GRADE 8i	SECOND SEMESTER
English	<p>14 Feb: Book Thief Essay 22 March: Othello Essay (as scheduled): Exam – Literary analysis: The Book Thief, Othello, Sonnets</p>
Math	<p>9 March Tally charts and bar charts Comparing data sets Calculations with measurements Mental and written calculations Problem solving with a calculator (as scheduled): Probability Design and use 2-way tables for discrete data Construct and use stem-and-leaf diagrams Bar charts and frequency diagrams</p>
German	<p>Exam 3: March, 18 Listening Exam 4: (as scheduled): Written, Grammar, Vocabulary + oral (flexible day(s))</p>
Science	<p>March 26th 2020: KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING PROBLEM SOLVING Movements, Pressure and Density The Periodic Table and Preparing Salts Ecology (as scheduled): KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING PROBLEM SOLVING_The Energy Crisis and Human Influences Photosynthesis and Plant Growth Reactivity and Rates of Reaction</p>

History	5 May Paper 1 19 May: Paper 2
Geography	Written Assessments: Feb. 28th - "Earth Quakes and Natural Hazards" 11 June "Russia and Middle East"
French	25 March Written, Grammar, Reading, Listening 9 to 11 Jun. Orals
Computer Science	Weekly assessments
Music	<u>Written test</u> March 26: Analysis of a piece <u>Practical test</u> 8 to 11 June : Recital
Visual Arts	May 28: submission of Landscape artworks Jun 11: submission of sketchbooks
Sports	Skill execution, decision making, attitude to learning.
EAL	Feb 5: 90 Min Written, Grammar, Vocabulary, Listening + oral (flexible dates) May 21-28- 90 Min Written, Grammar, Vocabulary, Listening + oral (flexible dates) June 2-5 Orals
Special Needs	Access Arrangements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Separate testing room • Provision to use word processor for long responses • Extended time to finish exams • Modifying rubric for written tasks based on individual needs of the student (Dyslexia, Dysgraphia etc.)

Exam weeks:

(26 May to 5 June)

GRADE 9i	SECOND SEMESTER
English Lang.	<p>Paper 2 –(as scheduled in exam week) Section A: Analysis of Poetry and Prose Texts from Part 2 Anthology (1hr)</p> <p>Paper 2 Poetry and Prose (1hr 30 mins) Feb. 18</p>
English Lit.	<p>Paper 2 –(as scheduled in exam week) Section A: Analysis of Modern Drama (1hr)</p> <p>Paper 1 Poetry (1hr 30 mins) Feb. 21</p>
German	<p>Exam 3 all: February, 5 Listening</p> <p>Exam 4 all: (as scheduled in exam week)</p> <p>Written, Grammar, Vocabulary + oral (flexible day(s)) *</p> <p>*for Advance group: DSD oral March 23-24</p>
Math	<p>New assessments are being made to re-evaluate levels (as scheduled in exam week)</p>
Chemistry	<p>Feb 26TH 2020: PI and P2 Metallic bonding Electrolysis Group 1 Group 7 Gases in the atmosphere</p> <p>(as scheduled in exam week) PI and P2 Reactivity series Introduction Crude oil Alkanes Alcohols Carboxylic acids</p>

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Biology	<p>March 6th Apr 6th Test on chapters 4 and 5. Written test based on past exam questions. (as scheduled in exam week): Paper 1 and Paper 2 combined. Written exam based on past exam questions. 90min</p>
Physics	<p>Feb. 24, 2020 (summative 3): Waves, properties of Waves, electromagnetic spectrum April 6, 2020 (Summative 4): Energy Transfers, Efficiency, useful energy output, thermal energy, work, power electricity generation (as scheduled in exam week): (90 min. Written exam)</p>
History	<p>(as scheduled in exam week): Written exam Paper 1 Written exam Paper 2</p>
Geography	<p>Written assessments; April 3: Rural Environments Ch. 5 (as scheduled in exam week): Ch. 2,3,5,6 (urban)</p>
French	<p>(as scheduled in exam week): Reading –Writing 45mn Listening 30mn</p>
Computer Science	<p>Written – (as scheduled in exam week): - Paper 2. Project Based Learning Python Programming.</p>
Business Studies	<p>(as scheduled in exam week): Paper 1 45min Paper2 45 min</p>
Visual Arts	<p>(as scheduled in exam week): Presentation of Comp 1 Jun 8: submission of sketchbooks</p>
Music	<p>Written test Feb 13: AOS 1 Set Work 2 (as scheduled in exam week): AOS 2 Set Work 3 1 June: Listening and Appraising Exam AOS1-2 Set works 1-4 Practical test 8 to 11 June : Recital</p>
Sports	Skill execution, decision making, attitude to learning.
Special Needs	<p>Access Arrangements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Separate testing room • Provision to use word processor for long responses • Extended time to finish exams

Exam weeks:

mock exams: March 16 to April 1

GRADE 10i	SECOND SEMESTER
English Lang.	Mock Exam (as scheduled in mock exam week) IGCSE
English Lit.	Mock Exam (as scheduled in mock exam week) IGCSE Exam as Scheduled
German	Exam 3: (as scheduled in mock exam week) Exam 4: (as scheduled in mock exam week)
Math	(as scheduled in mock exam week)
Chemistry	Feb 26TH 2020: P1 and P2 Rates of reaction Energetics Mock exam (as scheduled in mock exam week) IGCSE P1 and P2 Exam (May 14-June 14 as scheduled)
Biology	28th Feb Mock Exam (as scheduled in mock exam week) IGCSE Exam as Scheduled (May 14-June 14)
Physics	Jan. 28, 2020 (summative): Solids, Liquids and Gases Feb. 18, 2020 (summative): Radioactivity and particles Mock exam (as scheduled in mock exam week) IGCSE Exam (as scheduled)
History	Mock exams paper one and two (as scheduled) IGCSE as scheduled
Geography	Written Assessments: Feb. 20th - Edexcel Exam on Urban and Ural field studies Mock exams- papers 1 and 2 (Ch. 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9) ((as scheduled in mock exam week))
French	(as scheduled in mock exam week) /GCSE (as scheduled)
Computer Science	Written – (as scheduled) Project Based Learning Python Programming.
Business Studies	Mock exams papers one and two

Visual Arts	Feb. 3- Mar. 10 IGCSE prep. Phase Comp.2 Mar. 30- Apr 8. IGCSE final Exam, Comp. 2 (10h exact dates tbc)
Music	Practical test March 23: Solo and Ensemble Written test (1.5 hours) March 9 May 18 GCSE exam/Mock Exam: All topics
Sports	Skill execution, decision making, attitude to learning.
Special Needs	Access Arrangements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Separate testing room • Provision to use word processor for long responses • Extended time to finish exams