## **BACCALAUREATE EXAMINATIONS- SESSION 2020**

Dear parents,

Following intensive discussions amongst all elected parents representatives from 13 European Schools, and with the participation of pupils' elected representatives, a proposal for the European Bac 2020 was elaborated and proposed to the Board of Governors.

The proposal had to balance several aspects:

- Recognition of European Baccalaureate value, we do not want that Bac 2020 is considered of being too easy to get.
- Second semester is not finished, we want that pupils continue to learn until the end of the year, and that their work counts in their Bac achievement.
- Harmonisation between sections and schools: we want to assure that all sections and schools are equal

The Board of Governors, the body deciding on European Schools system, has been convened on a videoconference platform from 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> April 2020 under the Spanish presidency and with all member states represented.

Please make sure to read the final decision as it will be made available on the European Schools website:

## https://www.eursc.eu/

According to the information we have, the final approved proposal reads:

- 1. The Board of Governors approves for the **EB session 2020** 
  - > that the marks to the written and oral exams will be cancelled and the final mark awarded based on A and B marks only

Moreover, moderation will intervene whenever the difference in the distribution of final marks in comparison to previous years is statistically relevant.

2. The Board of Governors agrees to allow candidates to request to sit the written and oral exams in total in autumn 2020. Once starting these exams session, the previously obtained final marks will not be any longer valid.

Alternatively, the candidate may request to repeat the year 7.

**Important note:** formal communication will be issued by school management over the coming week, this communication is only indicative.