

**Completing the Year for the Class of 2020**  
**Information for Grade 12 Students**  
**April 2, 2020**

We understand that our students and their families seek clarity in these uncertain times. We strive to provide that by designing a process for completing grade 12 that mirrors the expectations put forward at the beginning of the AS/A level programme.

At VIS students will take an end of the year assessment in the form of an exam (GP and Art explained below).

**Best for our students because:**

- It's what they have been working and practising for
- Most students improve their academic performance between mock exams and finals and will prefer to have the opportunity to demonstrate their achievement
- Students whose universities have given conditional offers want an opportunity to improve their performance.

**By subject:**

- Art - continue to build final work and boards - work to be retained and sent electronically
- GP&R - submitting final research report and final interview to happen as planned - work to be retained and sent electronically
- Lithuanian language & literature - in the event that the final state exam does not happen/is postponed, VIS students will sit a final exam in school on June 5th, 2020. They will not be expected to take the national exam in the event it is postponed (after June 6th).
- English - final exam (format stays the same - two components: written and speaking) will take place in late April. The earlier date for the exam is needed to ensure the better spacing between all exams.
- Humanities, maths and sciences will take final exams using the same format as A-levels (i.e. same papers)
- All VIS administered A Level exams will be scheduled throughout the month May.

**Format for next weeks:**

- An exam timetable will be published by school (allowing for better spacing between exams)
- If quarantine is still in place exams will be administered by online invigilation
- If quarantine is lifted exams will take place at school even if the school is still closed
- Lessons will continue as they are now
- Exam revision will continue during the month of May until the date of the exam.

**CIE Certificate Grades:** final grades for June 2020 A-levels will be determined by Cambridge. VIS is required to send a comprehensive portfolio of marked work for the students in each subject. Subject Portfolios will be made up of: mock exams & marking schemes, coursework e.g. unit tests/in-class tests, class assignments, final exams & marking schemes, and your AS-level results June/November 2019.

*"The decision on grades to be awarded to candidates will be made by Cambridge, using our own evidence combined with evidence from schools."* [CIE April 1st, 2020.](#)

**VIS Diploma / Transcript Grades:** All subjects: Final grades for June 2020 transcripts and graduation Diploma will be determined by the school using the full portfolio of evidence as in all previous years. The final exam will also be counted. Final transcripts will be issued no sooner than June 15 th.

**Exam Registration**

- CIE has confirmed that only those who are enrolled for the exams are eligible for A-level grades and CIE Certificates.

- Students who withdraw their June 2020 entries will not receive a CIE Certificate (see below).
- If students decide to withdraw the deadline for their decision is April 9th. This must be communicated to Ms. Aušra.

*“Our approach will be to ask schools to collaborate with us as we make evidence-based decisions about grades for each candidate **in each subject they have entered for in the May/June 2020 exam series** for Cambridge IGCSE, Cambridge O Level, Cambridge International AS & A Level and Cambridge Pre-U.”*  
[\*\*CIE April 1st, 2020.\*\*](#)

**Graduation Ceremony:** VIS will remain as flexible as possible with regard to holding a graduation ceremony on school grounds. We strongly feel that the opportunity to gather for a public event is an important milestone and we do not plan to cancel the ceremony in the event the school remains closed until the end of the year. We will postpone it to a date at which we are once again permitted to gather in public. The June 7th date will stand for now.

VIS will continue to monitor the requirements put forward by Cambridge International over the coming months. We will keep you apprised of any relevant information. The VIS leadership and teaching staff are committed to facilitating a meaningful conclusion to your school experience.

Sincerely,

Ms. Rebecca and Ms. Asta