

IB at Nyborg Gymnasium - Corona virus/COVID-19

Introduction

Below I will give an outline of the current status for what we know and how we will respond in Pre-IB, 2i and 3i during the Corona virus/COVID19 pandemic. I will highlight when I am writing about Pre-IB, 2i and 3i. This document is meant to be an overview of the situation as we see it today. New developments might of course change the situation, and in that case, we will keep you updated. General information will continue to be sent from our principal, head of boarding and others, and information will be posted on our website, www.nyborg-gym.dk. Furthermore, you can read about IBO's handling of the situation on: <https://ibo.org/news/news-about-the-ib/covid-19-coronavirus-updates/>.

What is the current status?

Teaching at Nyborg Gymnasium

The teaching at Nyborg Gymnasium has for all of our seven educational programmes switched to virtual teaching, and this means that all students must still go to school online from their home/the boarding school. Information on the virtual teaching was sent to all students and teachers Thursday 12 March, and all students were instructed to check their schedule in Lectio daily, and preferably several times per day. It is of utmost importance that all students remain active in their learning process, and we are trying our best to provide teaching during this period.

Boarding school

We have made plans for the boarding school to remain open, also during the Easter Break, so none of the boarders or their parents need to be concerned about this. Full service in terms of supervision, food, etc. will be maintained.

Information for Pre-IB, 2i and 3i

Pre-IB

Teaching and boarding continue as described above. A number of activities are planned in late May and June after regular teaching ends, including the mini Extended Essay (mini-EE), revision days and end-of-year tests in Mathematics and English. Whether these activities will run as planned will depend on how the situation develops, but Pre-IB students should assume that the activities will run. A potential cancellation of these activities will not affect promotion to 2i.

2i

Teaching and boarding continue as described above. A number of activities are planned in late May and June after regular teaching ends, including the Groups 4 Science Individual Investigations, mock exams in Languages B, Languages ab initio SL and Mathematics, along with Individual Orals, IA work in several other subjects and EE writing days. Whether these activities will run as planned will depend on how the situation develops, but 2i students should assume that the activities will run. A potential cancellation of these activities will not affect promotion to 3i, and we would then reschedule the activities in the Autumn.

3i

Teaching and boarding continue as described above. The IBO has implemented a number of procedures to support the May 2020 exams, but they also clearly state that it is not possible to change the May 2020 exam schedule. There are many valid reasons for this, as mentioned on their website (<https://ibo.org/news/news-about-the-ib/covid-19-coronavirus-updates/>). For students not sitting the May

2020 exam, the only possibility will be to wait until November 2020 or even May 2021 for some subjects. Waiting for a later exam is in my opinion a very, very bad solution that may well affect your results negatively.

Consequently, the May 2020 exams will run as planned, and that is what we are planning for here at Nyborg Gymnasium. This means that we will have to finalize the missing TOK presentations, Orals and uploads. As far as I am aware, no 3i students have left Denmark (if that is not true, then please let me know immediately), and that means that it should be possible for those few students missing TOK presentations or orals to come in to school to complete those parts. You should not be concerned about doing this, since the school as such is not a “dangerous” place to be with respect to the corona virus/COVID19, and it is basically just an empty building. We would have you wait at distance from each other in the Food Camp and call you in for orals/TOK presentations individually.

Right now, I am creating an overview of what is missing, and later today, I will write out to those students still needing to complete orals/TOK presentations.

For all of you: We are all working hard to make this work, but I am looking forward to the return to regular school. Meanwhile, I shall miss you and hope that you are all ok.

Best wishes, Ulrik