

To Whom It May Concern,

Due to the Covid emergency, and in accordance with Bavarian and German legislation, the European School of Munich (ESM) was obliged to pause in situ teaching from March 9<sup>th</sup> 2020 until July 3<sup>rd</sup> 2020. The school immediately set into motion a full timetable of remote teaching via the Teams platform from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March.

From this date- thanks to excellent technical support and highly effective programme of professional development for teachers- disruption to senior students' education was kept to a minimum. Students therefore "attended" classes as per their timetable and as a result, the momentum of the rigorous and demanding European School syllabus was maintained. Whilst summer *in situ* exams were clearly impossible, Year 12 students had already sat two weeks of mock examinations between the 13<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> of January. These written exams are a main part of the final BAC mark and organized in the same way as the BAC exams. The data from these exams formed the basis of ongoing teacher evaluation for the second semester of the academic year, including teachers' predicted grades. Many teachers continued to evaluate their students using a variety of test formats on Teams, including one-to-one oral exams.

Disruption to the normal university process was also kept to a minimum; Year 12 students had three days of dedicated training in June via Teams in which they could quiz university representatives and alumni of the school including both current undergraduates in the UK and those already in the world of work.

The European School of Munich is rightly proud of its achievement of minimizing disruption to the education of its students at this difficult time and happy to welcome all stakeholders back to full in situ teaching for the academic year 2020-21.

Yours sincerely

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