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Dear MYIS community,

As our MYIS break fast approaches we continue to be impressed with the flexibility and optimism that our community continue to approach our Distance Learning Program.

### **Student Conferences:**

This week saw a large number of families meet with their homeroom teachers to participate in a moderated version of the student-led conferences. I had the privilege to join in a number of these conferences over the two days and respected the level of comfort and ease with the online format, students, teachers and families, have gained over the last three weeks. Students approached the meeting in a range of ways and families and teachers worked together to support them and make it a truly valuable experience. It was another example of the unique community that MYIS has and reminded me how lucky I am to be experiencing this unusual period with you all.

### **Reporting and Assessing During Distance Learning:**

Following the break, teachers will begin to work towards the "end of the year" with students. This process has also required adjusting and modifying as we adapt our "normal" to meet the parameters of our Distance Learning world. Zoom sessions may look different over the coming weeks as teachers begin to evaluate student understanding in a relaxed and natural way. It is vital for future planning that students undertake all tasks as independently as possible in order to provide a realistic view of their understanding. This will assist us as we begin to look at the start of the new school year and how we can ensure all students needs are met.

### **Spotlight on Specialists:**

Following our successful "Spotlight on Specialists," this week (Monday and Tuesday) our MYIS specialist teachers will lead one day per class each week. This will continue to follow the regular daily schedule and will allow all students to have dedicated time with their specialist teachers. The schedule for this is as follows:

<b><u>GRADE LEVELS</u></b>	<b><u>DAY</u></b>
T&C and J&C	Monday
P&U and C&S	Tuesday
Excellence & G1	Wednesday
G2 & G3	Thursday
G4&5	Friday

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**2020/21 School Year:**

Throughout the conferences, many questions were raised regarding next year and what this will look like. For now, we are optimistic that we will be returning to school in August and are planning accordingly (I hope we still may return before the end of this school year!). Further communication will be sent out soon from Ms Khanum and the board with more details, however, please be assured we continue to be guided by OPEC and ISAT in alignment with the international schools in Bangkok.

**Feedback:**

Finally, thank you for the feedback you are sharing each week! The community voice is an important part of this journey and allows us to make adjustments for the good of our learners. Shortly I will be sharing with you the final feedback form before we go to break. Please take some time to share with us your thoughts in either English or Thai, and as always I am available should you wish to connect individually.

With continued thanks and appreciation,

Kind regards,

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