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IB Post-Examination Quarantine Policy

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IB Post-Examination Quarantine Policy (The Two-Hour Rule)

Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to ensure the fairness and integrity of IB examinations by implementing the two-hour post-examination supervision requirement. This policy outlines how our school will manage the supervision of students after they complete their examinations to prevent any potential academic misconduct, while ensuring flexibility in school operations.

Rationale:

Following the May 2024 IB examination session, concerns arose about time zone-related cheating and misinformation, which affected student confidence in the examination process. To safeguard the integrity of future IB exams and ensure fairness, the International Baccalaureate (IB) has introduced a new requirement: if an exam is shorter than two hours, all pupils must be quarantined for the remainder of the time up to two hours. In other words, if an exam is 45 minutes, they must be quarantined for one hour 15 minutes.

Communication:

This policy will be communicated to students, parents, and staff to ensure that everyone understands the expectations and the importance of post-examination supervision. The IB Coordinator will go through the examination timetable to ensure that pupils and parents are informed when they will need to quarantine and covering staff are aware in advance.

Procedure:

The IB has stated that the main rule that pupils must adhere to, and schools must ensure, is that they are restricted from accessing social media, chat groups, or other online platforms.

KWC will implement this requirement as follows:

1. Student Supervision:

- After completing an IB examination, students will be supervised until the completion of two hours following the start time of the exam to ensure they do not engage in academic misconduct.
- This supervision will usually take place in the Old Masters Common Room. A teacher will be assigned to this supervision – where possible, it will be the Cover Supervisor.
- Students will be escorted from the exam venue to the Old Masters Common Room. The member of staff supervising the students will be provided with an exam radio (or may use their mobile phone) to contact the Exams Officer or IB Coordinator in the event that a student becomes unwell or requires a toilet break during the supervision period.

2. Restrictions on Online Access:

- To prevent the spread of examination content, students are prohibited from accessing social media, messaging apps, chat groups, or any other online platforms during the two-hour post-examination supervision period. Pupils will be asked to leave phones and laptops in their lockers or cars. They will not be allowed access to them during the supervision period. The Old Masters Common Room has been chosen as a venue for this because there is no available technology in the room.
- Pupils are allowed to access paper notes so that they can revise for upcoming exams. They are also permitted to speak with each other and they can engage in non-study related activity too if they wish, such as reading a book.

3. Compliance Monitoring:

- Compliance with this supervision policy will be monitored by the IB through unannounced visits during the examination period.
- Failure to implement or adhere to the policy will be treated as a serious violation of IB standards.

4. In the event of an emergency (for example a fire alarm):

- The appropriate guidance in the "King William's College Emergency Evacuation Policy for Examinations" will be followed. A copy of this guidance will be placed in the Old Masters Common Room. The students will be supervised as closely as possible while they are out of the room so that there is no discussion about the examination with others. The assembly point is the Sports field on the other side of the Hundred adjacent to the Main Pavilion (separate from other students). The Exams Officer and Exams Assistants will assist with supervision and liaison with the Fire Warden. The member of staff supervising the students will make a note of the time of the interruption and how long it lasted.

Examples:

Following a query from our IB coordinator to IB Answers, the IB has provided these examples of the policy in action:

Example 1:

Candidate is sitting for one 45minute exam and one 1h30 minute exam in the morning with no break in between. The total exam time goes over 2 hours therefore supervision after the exam is not required.

Example 2:

Candidate is sitting for one 45minute exam and one 1h30minute exam but is offered a break between the two papers – they must be supervised during the rest break – then continue with the second exam supervised.

Example 3:

A candidate is sitting for one (or more) exams in the Morning where the total exam time does not exceed 2 hours – the candidates must remain supervised until 2 hours have passed. For example, one 45-minute paper starting at 9AM – the candidates would be required to remain under supervision until at least 11 AM.