



ST. IGNATIUS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Covid-19 - Information for University and College Admissions Teams

Predicted grades: External Cambridge (CAIE) and Welsh (WJEC) examinations in Advanced Subsidiary/AS courses were written in May/June of 2022 and inform our predicted Advanced Level grades for these courses.

Teaching time:

2021-22: Our students suffered disruption due to studies from Hurricane Grace and due to the reintroduction of community Covid transmission requiring many students to self-isolate for significant periods of time due to Cayman Islands' Government Public Health requirements. Families in isolation again suffered from a lack of income (our economy being heavily reliant on tourism and hospitality) and the added stress on students due to fear and missing school once again surfaced. We for some time did not have access to rapid lateral flow tests meaning students were isolated for extended periods of time.

The Cayman Islands' Government began to reopen the border on November 20th, 2021, which led to significant Covid spread and disruption to the students' studies. With the Omicron variant, many students and teachers were required by law to isolate for 14+ days, being released only with a negative PCR test. This had a significant impact on learning and a few students were unable to write some external examinations due to forced isolation.

2022-23: Covid transmission continues with infected teachers and students requiring at least 7 days isolation. In addition, 2 school days were disrupted due to the passing of a hurricane. In September and October absences have been increased with the introduction of a flu variant causing further absences in staff and students.

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