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Dear Parent

Now that the June exam series has ended, I wanted to write to you directly, both as the leader of Cambridge International Education but also as a fellow parent, to reassure you that the integrity of Cambridge results and qualification have been fully protected throughout this series.

Cambridge qualifications are recognised by over 2,500 universities around the world. In 2025, 90% of Cambridge students from schools surveyed progressed to university, with 62% going on to institutions ranked in the world's top 500.

Those universities appreciate Cambridge students not only for their deep subject knowledge, but also for their critical thinking, research, global perspective and other skills – hugely valuable for students, just like their Cambridge qualifications across a wide range of subjects.

Our reputation rests on results universities can trust completely, which is exactly what we worked to protect this series, and what we are protecting for your child.

When a small number of papers were stolen and leaked online this series, we treated it as the serious criminal act it was. No exam board is immune to these challenges. For Cambridge, the integrity of assessment is at the heart who we are, what we do and why you can continue to trust us.

The moment we became aware, we acted to ensure students could not benefit unfairly from advance access. I'm grateful to you and your child's school for the integrity shown in reporting concerns; that openness helped us act quickly to protect every student's results, including your child's.

We took robust steps: cancelling affected papers and asking students to sit fresh ones; or, where needed, using 'assessed marks' - a rigorous and widely accepted method of awarding marks based on a student's other performance in the same syllabus. Universities and other users of Cambridge qualifications recognise and accept results that include assessed marks.

This approach:

- ensures students are neither advantaged nor disadvantaged
- removes any potential benefit gained through access to leaked materials
- accounts for differences in paper difficulty
- allows candidates to achieve the full range of marks, including 100%.

To those affected, I am conscious of the added pressure this series may have placed on you and your family, supporting your child's wellbeing through an already stressful time, and in some cases adjusting personal plans around rescheduled exams. As a parent myself, I understand how much rides on exams.

As the largest provider of international qualifications for schools in the world, we have a great responsibility to all of you. We are working hard to strengthen our security measures further for future exams: significantly expanding our capacity to deliver them digitally, direct to assessment centres; opening a safe and anonymous channel for anyone with information about stolen papers; and working with law enforcement and government partners to pursue those responsible.

Separately, in some countries, some students were targeted by scams during this exam series. These were fake "leaked" papers and misinformation designed to exploit anxiety at exam time. We will continue strengthening [our support to help students recognise and avoid this kind of misinformation online](#).

Cambridge schools can draw on our history, excellence, and breadth and depth of experience to deliver a world-class education. When your child's exam results arrive, you can be reassured they will properly reflect their effort, knowledge and performance, and continue to be accepted by universities, and you can be sure that being a Cambridge student is helping your child become ready for the world.

Thank you for the trust your family continues to place in Cambridge.

Yours faithfully



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