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Dear Students, Parents and Guardians,

Throughout the day we have been saying goodbye to our students on both campuses. There has been much sadness, especially since some students know that this is the last time they might all be together. Everyone has been incredibly brave whilst at times feeling a little bewildered.

We are currently closed for thirty days and we will continue to abide by national directives. We are still waiting to hear from the IB about the upcoming May session examinations and will let you know as soon as we hear anything. At this time, there is no suggestion from the IB that the exams will be cancelled. Some students are asking if they can register for their examinations at other schools and, whilst we will help as much as we can, many of our schools around the world are in a state of flux. Most, at this time, don't know if they will be open in May so are not able to give guarantees.

Teachers in both Arusha and Moshi started developing their online learning materials today and students (and parents for younger students) will start receiving instructions in the next few days. Teachers are aware that students do not have the same access to the internet and that they will be striving for equal access for all.

With the number of cases of Covid-19 increasing, and highly likely to continue to do so, we are facing a difficult time ahead. It remains crucially important that we do all we can to stay healthy. Health care systems around the world are coming under greater and greater pressure and as the number of infections increase, it is inevitable that their ability to cope with their "normal" load lessens. Remember the basic tenets of hand washing, social distancing and isolating.

Stay healthy.

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