

Newsletter for parents and students, March 19, 2020

Dear parents, dear students,

After contacting you personally over the last few days, we would like to use this additional means of communication to provide you with the most important facts on the school closure.

The most relevant information is available [on our homepage](#).

In a special meeting on March 18, the Senate of Hamburg decided to extend the **closure of all schools in Hamburg until at least April 19, 2020**. During this time period, distance learning is to be continued. Our teachers have already distributed lots of study material on SchulCommsy and other channels and they are actively engaged in a regular interchange with their students. We have also developed a [video tutorial for students](#) on how to use SchulCommsy.

Our school will continue to offer emergency childcare to all students whose parents have to go to work, for example, at hospitals, retail or in public transport. Emergency childcare is available at Bramfelder Straße 157 from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. If your needs for childcare are limited during these hours (e.g. 11:00 am to 2:00 pm), then please contact the school's office (428 486-200) on the preceding day before 12:00 am and expressly register your child for that time period.

Besides teaching, there are three important topics I would like to notify you about:

According to the latest information from Hamburg's board of education, **the final exams for ESA and MSA** are going to take place. However, we have come to an agreement with our school's supervisor that the oral exams can be postponed and will be held from May 26 onward.

Exams in S4 (fourth semester) are not to take place. To a large extent, grades for the fourth semester will be determined without a written exam. However, according to current information, the **written final exams (for Abitur)** are going to be conducted. We are working on a plan that will allow the finals to be held with minimal risk of infection.

All scheduled **class trips** in May and June will not take place! This concerns the 6th, 8th, and 10th grades. We are looking into alternative dates during the next year for our 6th and 8th graders. Class teachers are organizing the cancellations in consultation with the school administration and board of education.

You will receive the next issue of this newsletter as soon as we have new information.

Please take good care of your health and stay at home as much as possible in order to slow down the spread of the infection.

Kind regards,

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