European Schools



Office of the Secretary-General

Brussels, 3 July 2014 2014-07-LD-4-KK/GM

Dear Bachelors, Parents and Teachers,

Further to our earlier communication of 29 June (ref. 2014-06-LD-34-KK), we wish to inform you that in addition to the decision of which you were already notified in the aforementioned letter and which remains applicable, in accordance with Article 6 of the Arrangements for Implementing the Regulations for the European Baccalaureate, the Chairman of the Baccalaureate Examining Board has decided to increase the final mark awarded for the Chemistry written examination by 0.5 across the board, the maximum mark achievable obviously still being 10.

The additional coefficient has been calculated by comparing the average for the Chemistry written examinations over the past ten years with the average for this year.

The Chairman is aware that there might be more sophisticated ways of moderating the results, but within the timeframe available, the method of moderation chosen is the only effective way of dealing with the issue and the only possible measure that can be taken to alleviate any possible difficulties that candidates might face when applying to Universities, which will not wait until the first week of September to make their decision as to whether or not to accept a candidate's application for admission.

Should you have any further questions on the subject, please contact the European Baccalaureate Unit, on the following telephone number: + 32 2 298.62.60 or at the following email address: org.bacc@eursc.org.

Yours sincerely,

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Chairman of the 2014
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