



John Gray High School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

This is an exciting time for our Year 12 students in the Cayman Islands as we approach the end of the academic year. The annual graduation ceremony signifies the completion of your child's secondary education, by recognising their hard work and celebrating their commitment in preparation for a promising future.

Historically the graduation ceremonies have been held in June. This has limited the academic recognition our students receive and their ability to fully participate in the annual graduation ceremony. The international examination results are not received until August.

Starting this year, we will have the opportunity to celebrate our students' academic success in obtaining a Level 1 or Level 2 pass in the core subjects, as well as additional BTEC subjects. Our students have requested a change in the graduation date on numerous occasions. More specifically, a later date provides them with a greater opportunity to graduate with the highest awards for those students who attended the extended year at the Cayman Islands Further Education Centre (CIFEC).

With the introduction of School Based Assessments (SBAs) for our core subjects of English and mathematics and the impact on the re-sitting of examinations, it is extremely important that we ensure that our students are given the best opportunity to demonstrate their successful achievement prior to receiving their academic awards. Therefore the previously scheduled graduation dates have been amended to reflect the following new dates:

| <u>School</u> | <u>Graduation Date</u> | <u>Time</u> |
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| John Gray High School | Tuesday 27th August 2019 | 7:00pm |
| Clifton Hunter High School | Thursday 29th August 2019 | 7:00pm |
| Layman Scott High School | For this year will remain June 15 | 7:00pm |

On behalf of our staff body, the Ministry of Education and the Department of Education Services, we commend you on the successful completion of your child's secondary education. We look forward to celebrating your child's success with you.

Yours faithfully,

Principal