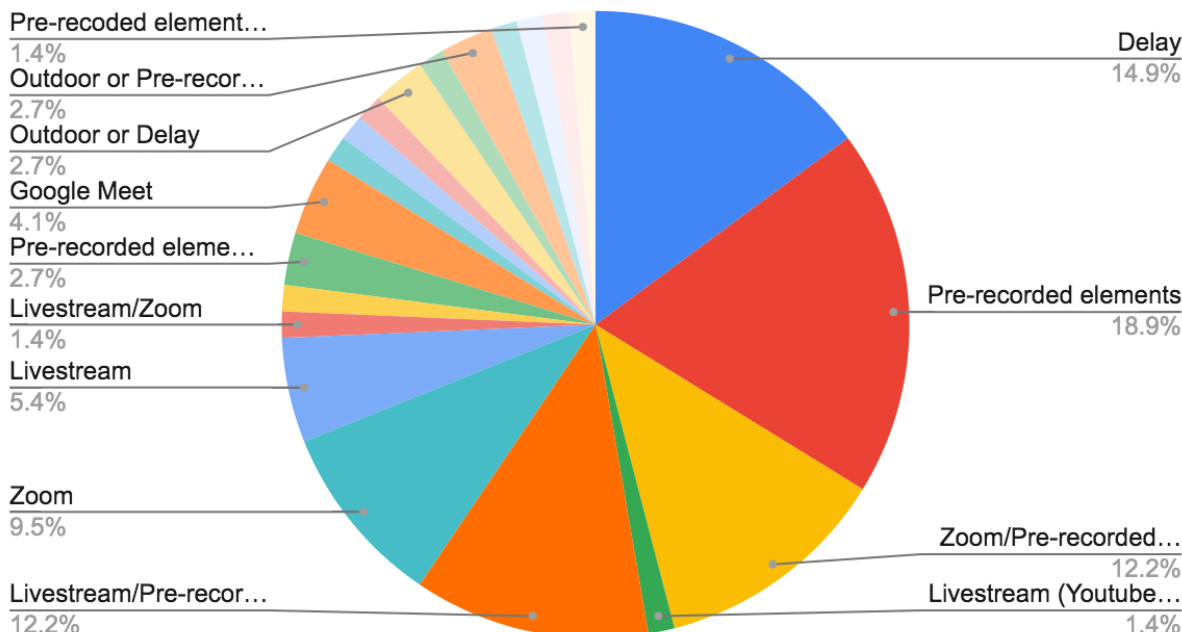


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	Graduation Ideas
1	I am really interested in hearing ideas. We are currently just planning a delay to July
2	Video recording- student speakers recorded, admin recorded speeches, pictures of students with name called.
3	We were thinking a live Zoom ceremony with pre-recorded messages from key speakers (Valedictorian, Chairman of the Board, Head of School) played throughout. The master of ceremonies would be the host for the zoom session and direct the feed to the correct place.
4	YouTube Live (Google Meet or Zoom could be used as well - we are also using Instagram Live, where you can have a host and invite student or teachers to speak - only problem is Instagram Live would only be one hour) could be used to broadcast it live from a location. Maybe bringing together 2 or 3 administrators to run the live session from the school grounds. Add the pre-recorded student messages. Read out the names, as you normally would. Maybe order food to all graduate's homes - the same meal - if the graduating class is small enough?
5	We're in a similar position, looking to 'mash up' technologies so that we can have speeches, videos, etc. I'm going to try to get our IT Manager on to VR graduations, Second Life-type stuff, etc. He loves it! Will happily share what we find out.
6	Not there yet...

7	December graduation...lots of our students are from Sudan and will be returning anyway for the holidays so it would work well for us.
8	We are very limited with bandwidth and so have many limitations. Live streaming is out but we might ask valedictorian, teacher reps and I submit a short video to create an asynchronous virtual experience
9	I like the idea of pre-recorded speeches, etc. I think we should get our yearbook folks involved with all their photos of kids together doing things, etc. and do some fun things with that. Also, with videos of previous year graduation ceremonies, with students walking across our stage and receiving their diplomas from me, stopping halfway across the stage for a photo of me shaking their hand and handing their diploma with the other. Can we photo shop faces in to previous graduates as part of an overall virtual graduation?
10	We're thinking about using MS Teams, but really don't have much to share beyond that...
11	live streaming, pre-recording, student videos, a website that students and families can share on and add content over time.
12	Just beginning to think about an online format, looking for ways to ensure that each student is honored with that "moment" (receiving the diploma) and thus reducing speeches, etc. I am looking forward to hearing others' ideas!
13	No bright ideas yet, but I was going to contact invent a company that specializes in online events - they are hosting the ECIS leadership conference and seem pretty awesome. I was thinking if they came up with a clever solution for a graduation, it would be very saleable to schools and maybe then affordable.
14	Mix of videos and livestream of speeches and performances- if we do it. We may just postpone and have a ceremony when we are able to be back together again.
15	Use Zoom could have a home base set up in Dhaka as there are some support staff there to set up banners and a small stage. Diplomas are signed and pictures of grads are put next to Diplomas on a slide show as their names are called out. Speeches will go ahead. Suggestion for students to put together a video of them walking one by one and put this to pomp and circumstance to start the ceremony.
16	Probably livestream the event with pre-recorded elements. Moderated by the Principal with live speeches if possible. Likely to be informal. Would be interested to see how others handle this.
17	For our MYP graduation the tentative/initial planning is to go for an online zoom platform with a host/MC, guest speakers, student speakers, a potential performance, the presentation of certificates etc.
18	Playlist constructed by students
19	Still thinking! I would love to hear the ideas that you collect. Thanks for putting this together!
20	We have not developed ideas yet but plan to and will share when done. Would like to see other ideas. Thanks
21	We may have smaller groups of graduates and run 3 or 4 sets of students through a ceremony or may have our graduates only in our theatre and live stream the ceremony. I would be interested in hearing what other schools are planning. Thanks, Jeff
22	We have not started to think about this in too much detail yet, but one thought was to stage it outdoors instead of inside (if even that is possible). Suggestions were to delay the graduation ceremony until such time that life returns to normal. Cons for this are that those families who have left Manila already.
23	We haven't begun to discuss this yet, but I am already intrigued by this. I think an extremely personalized approach could be created. I think there is still a need for a face to face event with individual brief 2 min speeches by each senior as well as all the usual speeches and the opportunity to wear their cap and gown and flip their tassel etc. Also, perhaps there could be a special website created with space for each senior with tons of pictures, plus senior's parents and teachers write individualized messages. Plus, open comments from other relatives, friends, etc. to congratulate them. Maybe a class video created virtually. And lastly a really nice present for each senior, purchased from the savings from a cancelled event.

24	video speeches, collaborative online performance of graduation song, ceremony with admin and staff depending on restrictions in Thailand on numbers in a meeting on May 30th
25	The week of graduation for us has several pieces and it culminates with formal ceremony. One of those pieces is when each senior takes 2 minutes to thank the people, they want to thank for they HS experience (parents, teachers.... their choice), This take place in the auditorium, one chair, one mike, and a single spot light on the student. In the auditorium, we have parents and loved ones, teachers and 11th graders. For a virtual graduation, I am thinking that each student can record their message of gratitude and we could use it for the walking across, when we call names. I would like to keep our key note speaker, our Director's remarks, my speech and the different awards Could be a zoom conference.
26	We are doing a Zoom meeting with the Grade 12 students tomorrow for their input but are planning to do an online final assembly of some kind and our usual music video for the 12 grade that teachers put together - hopefully we can each record a piece at home and edit it all together. Graduation is something I am wondering about doing later when we can get people together but with a mobile population if we don't do it before summer that may not be a possibility. In which case, we will need to try for online, our final assembly for G12 would then be a good opportunity to try things out.
27	Being able to have each student on screen in a cap/gown would be ideal although it may not be possible to outfit the ones who have left the country. As the MC, I will intro the student and spend more time discussing the student, their plans for the future, their favorite moments from their school career and maybe who they'd like to give thanks to. Could we PDF send them diplomas until they can pick up the real ones in hard covers? Will "zoom" style meetings work for something this big or is there a better way for it to be a live broadcast? This would include performances, speakers and individual graduates. Looking forward to hearing the thoughts of others.
28	No Ideas at this point
29	We are beginning to debate, between a fully live virtual ceremony, or piece together pre-recorded speeches, etc., and stream it live on the planned evening.
30	Live feed video broadcast online. Pre-recorded speeches from key stakeholders and students (StuCo President; Valedictorian) played during broadcast. Several attendees in the theatre for graduation (HS Principal, Head of School), but very few as per legal limitations.
31	Not finalized yet but virtual speeches and instead of the money used on logistics/set up/food/flowers etc. we are framing diploma's with student graduation photos. Thankfully already taken!
32	We are in the very early stages of thinking about this. One idea that we have tossed around is to have a virtual ceremony this year (if required) and hold an official ceremony next December when students are on break from university. Happy to share more as we continue to discuss options for a virtual graduation.
33	Zoom or Teams (Google hangouts does not in China)
34	Considering alternatives now for grade. No plans confirmed as of yet.
35	We are interested in hearing about Grade 12 ideas; for grade 5 and 8, we may do a Minecraft graduation
36	Live speakers from school auditorium and other key places. Graduates and parents remain at home, join online. First thoughts. Need to think through this some more. We just threw this idea around today.
37	Creating a video for all families (prerecorded speeches etc.). This can be done remotely. When school reopens, offer a ceremony (perhaps in December, end of semester 1, when graduates come back from their first college semester - if that happens).
38	We are hoping this won't happen but if it does the first thing that comes to mind is a Zoom webinar that allows for 500 people in attendance.
39	not sure

40	not sure
41	Option 1 is to reschedule the graduation ceremony from May 31 to August (likely second weekend in August). Option 2 is to video speeches from the Valedictorian, Salutatorian, HS Principal, General Director, and Board Chair in addition to our special guest Graduation Speaker
42	Mass Google meet, students have parents hand diplomas to them, mingle prior through different classes
43	Virtual, students will wear their caps and gowns, use video recordings and live sessions, students will present their speeches, Principal will present speech online, so is the president of the school, we will share a video on accomplishments of the school and accomplishments of the students
44	6 contingencies planned from in person if we can to completely virtual. We will have a graduation on the date planned (May 30) and will take a final call on format by May 11. We may make a virtual graduation film just to be safe and, then, if we can have a regular graduation the film can be something to take away as a memory. If not, then we are prepared for a virtual viewing if that is the format we go with.
45	not yet but soon
46	We were thinking of capturing videos of each student beforehand, in gowns if possible. Also having a way to have all students virtually present (possibly through WebEx), record announcements for each student, plus some speeches. The whole recording could then be captured and shared. This is all very early thinking.
47	We are looking at a virtual ceremony and then delivering the pin, sash, and diploma via messenger.
48	Just drafting ideas that mimic our regular graduation with ceremony being recorded with speeches being conducted by HoS and Principal in empty theater while student's faculty speeches would be recorded. Also, looking into how we might use slides for students walking when name read.... nothing too complicated or creative yet.
49	Hybrid google meet for limited audience with prerecorded elements (speeches, videos from teachers and students)
50	Live event online. Students and staff all dress very smartly - if restrictions allow, we may deliver gowns and caps to them. Speeches online from Principal, valedictorian selected by students and usually chairman of the committee and head of secondary. The IBDP coordinator say something nice about each and we zoom in on them. Have an online certificate for each to be presented. Google meets nod allows everyone to indicate clapping. A recording can be made easily. Might be fun to give each student a jokey certificate -we only have 13.
51	Considering a virtual graduation (control booth with one live feed, but students / speakers joining live - our graduation contains a component where each student speaks), a drive up graduation (since most of our students are in country, we could have students drive in and receive their diploma / have a picture taken - just not gather all together), or an outdoor graduation where families are seated 2 m. apart and the graduates file across the outdoor stage one at a time.
52	Virtual graduation on Zoom - opening speakers HOS and HS Principal. Guest speakers. Class video and presenting diplomas. We will send graduation hats to everyone in Beijing and outside the country. If allowed by government, we will hold a reception on campus.
53	Maybe online, with recorded speeches. Gowns and caps would be delivered to the graduates' homes who would send us pictures so that we can prepare a video.
54	Zoom call with all students hopefully with some in groups. We are a boarding school so they are spread out but there are some in the same area. Recording of a student and a teacher talking about each student, then hand a piece of paper to each of them on the screen. (Like children try and feed their grandparents). Record each of them singing a line of a song and then combine them.
55	We still don't know. We might do an online event and have speeches, recognition pre-recorded. Then we could put it all together and send to the communities as a full video.

56	Our group of schools is discussing this very issue. We're leaning towards having the seniors stream their walk across a 'home stage' in cap & gown and receive a 'digital' certificate of graduation. No final decisions yet.
57	We have surveyed our students and they are adamant that they do not want a digital ceremony and would like to do something in the summer or fall. I would still like to see the ideas generated by the group.
58	We are looking at a virtual because we have to and then an in person when possible.
59	Difficult and perhaps counterproductive to reproduce ceremony (it's about family and tears, not speeches); go for upbeat celebration with prerecorded video messages from friends, family, and teachers
60	Still evaluating the options
61	Considering virtual graduation. Pre-recorded speeches and videos for the students and families. A live feed to conduct the ceremony. We are still considering options. Some families would also like an in-person graduation once later in the year if possible.
62	considering virtual option but will probably move towards an actual ceremony next year.
63	Online ... Zoom
64	We are hopeful that Panama will have relaxed social distancing requirements by May 30th and that we will be able to gather. We are considering an outdoor, open field type set up, rather than the theatre. Also limiting it to seniors and their immediate family, no grandparents etc. If the winds are against us, we will punt to June 10th. If still no hope of a physical meeting, then we will move to online speeches, and then send the diplomas around by messenger for selfies to be compiled as we read the names.
65	Only 23 graduates. Zoom, Principal MCs. Have prerecorded speeches from guest speaker, student speaker, staff speaker. Send diplomas to parents before ceremony. Parents give diploma to students when name is called. IT to mix appropriate music in with ceremony.
66	Hopefully something on Zoom, involving everybody that would be present at the physical ceremony if it were to go ahead. Speeches and performances prepared and delivered as usual and a guest, inspirational speaker invited to join. We haven't worked out the detail yet but will respond again when we have something more concrete. Thank you for putting this together.
67	An online ceremony through google meets. We are waiting to see what ideas others have but our default would be for it to be similar to previous years with speeches and each student being handed a certificate. We are quite informal and a small school, but we usually have caps and gowns. If shutdown restrictions allow, we may get these sent to students' houses to be worn.
68	If we can come back to school, then we are considering having a graduation with minimal number of people on our soccer field with proper social distancing as an option. Another idea is having it digitally and send caps and gowns home and have live zoom graduation. I would love more ideas. Stay safe!
69	We will use zoom professional to have an online ceremony. It will involve some speeches, performance, photos of the students. It's still a work in progress with our grad committee but we will definitely do something.
70	In-person ceremony in January 2021, graduation website along the lines of http://ischoolconvocation.sjsu.edu/2019
71	We will likely do a combination of live online and recorded online. We are not sure exactly which part of ceremony would be live online and what would be recorded. We are thinking about recording the awarding of the diplomas and a music compilation. We may have the MCing live and some speeches live, so that everyone will tune in to the graduation together. We all live in one community as well, so we are talking about doing a parade of cars either the day of or before the graduation.
72	We are discussing e-graduation where we will display videos of students (flashback of their journey at AHIS) In addition to recorded speeches by students, principal, president, etc... Then the students will be called for their certificates



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73	If graduation is cancelled, we are looking to do a ceremony in August or later in Autumn. I would be interested to hear if anyone is planning to do a virtual graduation of some sort and how.
74	Postpone until August
75	<p>Lots of ideas forming around virtual ceremony, speeches etc., we do a 'red letter' thing at the banquet where every student receives three long letters from significant adults, chosen by their Parents. We think we can do something similar virtually.</p> <p>We also do a 'guard of honor' applause where our seniors walk through the whole community to our main stage. From Pre-K to ground staff and parents all of our community cheer the graduates as they walk through our open-air hallways. Again, we are hoping to recreate this somehow in a virtual way.</p>
76	We don't know yet. We might do an online version that has pre-recorded speeches and recognition, then could be put together as an official video and sent to the community.
77	Our group of schools are discussing this very issue. Suggestions from livestreaming as senior school students walk across their 'home' stage, to a photo collage, to hoping to have a celebration after Ramadan. No decisions taken yet.
78	We are considering a virtual graduation, with videos, photos, messages of praise and encouragement, etc. Students will help to design and conceptualize it.
79	We're just brainstorming at the moment but we're thinking of doing a virtual graduation using Zoom or something like that. Prerecorded messages. Deliver diplomas to parents before time. Calling of names - Parents present diplomas.
80	Virtual pre-taped ceremony featuring the usual speaker list, pre-recorded video of every student in cap and gown.
81	Our graduation is traditionally at the Pyramids of Giza, so we are waiting on government decisions about whether or not they will be open by June 5th. It's obviously a highlight of a student's high school experience at Cairo American College, so it would be heartbreaking to cancel it. I imagine we will try to modify the ceremony with appropriate social distancing if possible, and if not possible, we would likely postpone to a future date.
82	Zoom meeting -- to include the regular speeches and awards but shortened. Instead of providing the personalized moment of presenting the diploma, we will run a slide show with a photo of each student and have a teacher speak briefly to them as a celebration of their accomplishments.
83	I surveyed seniors and their parents, and they overwhelmingly prefer to push graduation to the Fall, maybe on a weekend so alumni can travel back to school. They said they do not want a "virtual" event in June, although they might be open to have some kind of celebration (online concert, etc.) on the day of
84	We are planning for an asynchronous, highly interactive website to be accessible at the date and time of the initially planned graduation. We will complement it with a series of small initiatives to celebrate and highlight seniors: daily postings on WeChat of a picture of 4 seniors with their favorite quote; building a tower on campus that replicates the historical tower of one of our historical campuses, that will ring 20 times every 20th of the month every year to celebrate the class of 2020, etc.
85	At this point we are focusing on home learning only and will soon begin thinking of graduation ceremonies. At our school we have one for 6th grade (last year of Elementary School at our school), one for 9th grade (Brazilian requirement) and 12th grade.
86	<p>Two ideas: 1. Grade 12 parents and students with school admin only with social distancing in the courtyard. Short ceremony.</p> <p>2. tape keynote, valedictorian and me, and put together a video</p>
87	If 'live' not possible, online celebration with prerecorded messages of congratulation.
88	Pre-recorded speeches and videos prepared for the graduates and their families. Live feed and then playing the appropriate videos.
89	TBD, likely online
90	We are thinking about a series of events leading up to the actual day that graduation was scheduled for. Right now, we're calling it 20 day leading up to the Class of 2020 Graduation. Each day there would be

	some video or live event for students. We're still working out the details but looking at spreading out the awards that we give to students. We can give out several academic awards each day through a video recording of a faculty member acknowledging the winners. We're also thinking of student, teacher and parent testimonials that can be released on certain days. We are still thinking about what the ceremony will look like, but we want to send each family a packet prior to graduation and would like to send it to parents without the kids knowing so that the parents can hand the student his/her diploma on that day. We'd encourage them to take photos and share them with the group. Let's see how it all plays out.
91	The plan is to hold it via Zoom.
92	Online (Google Meet) diploma-granting 'ceremony'
93	I have no idea!! Would greatly appreciate ideas.
94	Moving it to outdoors, creating spacing, limiting it to immediate core nuclear family (no grandparents etc.). If we cannot do that, then we will move to a virtual ceremony with speeches, diplomas delivered by messenger and selfies taken and shared for when we read the names.
95	We will probably reschedule the ceremony for later in the year, we are not sure yet. We were contemplating inviting only students and their parents, maybe divide them into groups to avoid crowds. Not sure yet.
96	3 options, none being the traditional model. The first two would have varying sizes of smaller numbers of immediate family present, and the third being virtual. Would like to see what other schools are thinking about...
97	On Line but not sure of the format...possibly a drive through, Small online and then in person over winter break
98	We are canceling the larger ceremony - it can't happen - and instead doing a series of virtual ceremonies.
99	Online presentation. Drive by senior walk.
100	Too early to say in Jamaica where, like Vietnam the Covid-19 curve is very flat= no end in sight
101	We will have some type of ceremony virtually if we can't do it live. Haven't started organizing.
102	I sent a survey to all my seniors, their parents, and their teachers, with various options. The clear conclusion was that the vast majority here did NOT want any kind of virtual event but would rather -if it comes to that- postpone graduation to late summer or Fall (through mid-December) or even June 2021.
103	AIS Dhaka is going to do a virtual graduation. We are hosting a Zoom where we invite the people 'on stage' (principal, counselors, student leaders) to the Zoom. They will follow the usual graduation program. We will push the event to FB Live. We will then shift to a prerecorded video with each senior's photo and name. We will pre-record the student's name being read in the video just like they were walking across the stage. Then go back to the FB Live event for final remarks. I am struggling with how we can have a chorus perform. We may just have to skip that.
104	Keep a live ceremony and move to later in year, possibly mid-August
105	We are doing a 'drive through' graduation. We are fortunate that we are allowed to have families on campus individually. Parents will arrive and wait in front of our Theater (which happens to be at the front of our school) where photo boards and other graduation decorations will be posted. On ten-minute intervals families will enter into the theater foyer to collect cords and hoods and return their laptop (this is the last thing they will be handing in, all other books etc... will be dropped off when they pick up their gowns). They will then move into our theater where students would walk across the stage to receive their Diplomas from their parents. The stage would be set up for graduation with banners and ISB backdrops as usual. Photos and a Video would be taken by our professional photographer from a distance to ensure social distancing. Families would then move to the rear of the theater for quick family portraits with a professional photographer and then to the front of our school where we have a large panther for further photos. The total timing for a family will be 50 minutes, which will be spaced to not have families breaking our 'social distancing' policy. We will film graduation speakers and overlay the



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	video to create a final graduation video, which will be played as a webinar on the same day students would've graduated.
106	We are currently working with designing a simple, yet symbolic virtual ceremony where teachers, administration and class directive members can exchange motivational messages with graduates. However, we will be coordinating an official graduation ceremony, most likely during August 2020. No "awards" will be acknowledged during "virtual activity", yet, special recognitions (non-academic) will be designed. Regarding Diplomas and Graduation Certifications, those will be mailed to students as they will be needing them for college admission purposes.
107	Looking at possibility of something virtual which could include pre-recorded messages from teachers, speeches from class members. Thinking of delivering cap to student houses and having them be able to decorate them. Still soliciting ideas from students and parents.
108	We are going to pre-record and livestream at the hour of the original graduation. We will decorate the auditorium a couple of weeks prior and hire a company to help us with recording the speeches as well as inviting each family in specific time slots to come to the school and for the students to walk the stage and get their diploma. We will piece it all together with other elements of Senior year. We want to leave the kids with a well-recorded memory of their graduation of their last year.