

1<sup>st</sup> October 2018

Dear Parent / Carers,

Summer 2019 exams – Contingency Day

The summer 2019 written exams may seem like a long way away at the moment, but we have a piece of information that we need to share with you to avoid any issues next summer.

The written summer exams will take place throughout May and into June. Students will receive an individual exam timetable once all entries have been finalised. However, 2019 will be different. For the first time a contingency exam day has been arranged by all exam boards and added to each student's timetable. The contingency day has been arranged for GCSE exams, should sustained national or local disruption arise during the Summer 2019 exam series.

The decision comes following the tragic events that occurred during the summer of 2017, namely the Manchester attacks and the Grenfell Tower fire. The JCQ (Joint Council for Qualifications) have decided that they need the option to postpone an exam in the event of an incident and rearrange for a later date to allow all students a fair and equal chance.

The date that has been set aside as the contingency day is **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2019**. This means that all exam candidates must be available to sit exams from the start of the exams in May until **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2019**. This decision is not a school decision and it applies to all candidates in all schools throughout the country.

Please can all parents/carers make a note of the new reserve exam date and avoid booking any holidays before this date.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Mr G Hodson



Exams Officer  
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