



20th March 2019

Dear Student/Parent/Carer

Summer 2019 Exams - Contingency Day

We wish to share some important information with you to avoid any possible issues during the summer.

I attach the summer exam timetable which highlights when the final exam will take place. The summer written exam period will run from Tuesday, 14th May until Friday, 14th June.

However, for the Summer 2019 series, a "contingency" exam day has been arranged by the examination awarding bodies which all students need to be aware of. This contingency day for GCSE examinations has been put in place "in the event of widespread, sustained national or local disruption to examinations during the June 2019 examination series".

The decision comes following the tragic events of last summer, namely the Manchester attacks and the Grenfell Tower fire. The 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, 26th June 2019**. This means that all exam candidates must be available to sit exams from the date of their first exam until Wednesday, 26th June. This decision is not a school decision and does apply to all candidates in all schools.

Please can all students/parents/carers make a note of the new contingency exam date in the event that an awarding body needs to invoke its contingency plan.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Lorraine', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Lorraine Makin
Principal