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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Summer 2019 Exams – Contingency Day

The summer 2019 GCSE exams may seem like a long way off at the moment, however time will pass very quickly and we wish to share some important information with you to avoid any possible issues next summer.

During the spring term, students will be issued with their individual exam timetables, which will highlight when their final exam will take place.

For the summer 2019 exam series, a “contingency” exam day has been arranged by the examination awarding bodies, which all students need to be aware of. The 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 summer 2017, namely the Manchester attack and the Grenfell Tower fire. The Joint Council for Qualifications have decided that they need the option to postpone an exam across the country in the event of an incident and then 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 June 2019**. This means that all exam candidates must be available to sit exams from the date of their first exam up until, and including, Wednesday 26 June 2019. This decision is not a school decision and does apply to all students in all schools nationally that run GCSE exams.

I would recommend that parents/carers please make a note now that their Year 11 child must be available to sit examinations until, and on, this date. Holidays or other commitments for Year 11 pupils should not be booked until after Wednesday 26 June 2019.

Yours sincerely

Mr M Neta

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