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Dear Student/Parent/Carer

Summer 2019 GCSE Exams

Please find attached a copy of the GCSE timetable for Summer 2019, which includes a “contingency” exam day.

This contingency day for GCSE and/or A Level (or equivalent) 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 2017, namely the Manchester attacks and the Grenfell Tower fire. The Joint Council for Qualifications has 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 June 2019. This means that all exam candidates must be available to sit exams from the date of their first exam until Wednesday 26 June 2019. 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 as it will be common and completely understandable for many families to book holidays in June and July as prices will be lower when students have finished their exams.

However, it will be devastating for a student to miss out on a good grade after working hard for two years because they might be absent from a rearranged final exam.

If you have any queries regarding the above please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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Exams Officer

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