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Dear Parent/Carers,

EXAM CONTINGENCY DAY – 26th JUNE 2019

I wish to share some important information with you to avoid any possible issues this summer. During the spring term pupils will be given their individual exam timetables which will highlight when their final exam is scheduled to take place. The summer written exam period will run from 13th May to 25th June (BTEC students must be available until 28th June).

However for the Summer 2019 exam series a “contingency” exam day has been arranged by the examination awarding bodies which all pupils need to be aware of. 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 that took place during the summer of 2017, namely the Manchester attacks and the Grenfell Tower fire. The Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) have decided that they need the option to postpone an exam (or exams) in the event of an incident and rearrange them 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 2019**.

This decision is not a school decision and does apply to all candidates in all schools. Please can all pupils/parents/carers make a note of the contingency exam date in the event that an awarding body needs to invoke its contingency plan.

Yours faithfully

Elizabeth King
Examinations Officer