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For Boys and Girls
aged 4 to 18 years

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Dear Parent/Carer

Summer 2020 Examinations – Contingency Day

The summer 2020 examinations may seem like a long way away at the moment, but we need to share some important information to avoid any issues next June.

During the spring term, students will be given individual timetables which will inform them of when their final written examinations will take place. Written examinations usually run from the middle of May to the end of June.

However, since 2019 a contingency exam day has been arranged by the examination boards and added to each student's timetable. The contingency day is in place for "GCSE and/or GCE examinations, should sustained national or local disruption arise during the June 2019 examination series"

The decision comes following the tragic events of summer 2018, namely the Manchester attacks and the Grenfell Tower fire. The Joint Council for Qualifications have decided 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 set aside for the contingency examination day is Wednesday 24th June 2019.
Examinations can be rescheduled any day up to that date.

Awarding bodies **will not** accept a pre-booked holiday as a valid excuse for missing a written examination.

With this in mind, may I please encourage all parents and carers to make a note of the new reserve exam date and ensure availability; it would 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, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully



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Academic Officer