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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Summer 2019 Examinations – Contingency Day

During the spring term students will be sent individual timetables that will highlight the date of their last examination. The summer examinations usually run from early May beginning with Art and MFL Speaking examinations and continue through May into June.

In 2019 this will be slightly different. For the first time next year a contingency day has been arranged 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 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 examination 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 as the contingency day is Wednesday 26th June 2019. This means that all candidates must be available to sit examinations from the start of the examination season until and including Wednesday 26th June 2019. This is not a school decision and applies to all candidates in all schools.

Please would all students, parents and carers make a note of the new reserve examination date. It is common and completely understandable for many families to book holidays in June and July once their son/daughter has finished their GCSE/GCE examinations. However, 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 examination.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Dale Reeve
Headteacher



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