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Dear Student/Parent/Carer

**Summer 2020 Exams – Important Dates**

With Summer 2020 exams approaching we wish to remind you of some important information to avoid any possible issues in the summer.

During the spring term students will be given their individual exam timetables which will highlight when their final exam will take place. The summer written exam period will run from Monday 11 May to Thursday 18 June 2020.

For the summer 2020 exam series “contingency” exam days have been arranged by the examination awarding bodies which all students need to be aware of. These contingency days for GCSE and/or A Level (or equivalent) examinations have been put in place “in the event of widespread, sustained national or local disruption to examinations during the June 2020 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 have 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 dates that have been set aside as the contingency days are up to and including Wednesday 24 June 2020. This means that all exam candidates must be available to sit exams from the date of their first exam **up to and including Wednesday 24 June 2020**. This decision is not a school decision and does apply to all candidates in all schools across the country.

Please can all students/parents/carers make a note of the contingency exam dates 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, so please **DO NOT** book any holidays until after 25<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

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

Yours sincerely

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