

8th October 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

GCSE and GCE Exams – Contingency Day Wednesday 24th June 2020

The summer exams 2020 may seem like a long way away, but we are aware of some important information that we need to share with you, to avoid any issues next summer.

During the spring term students will be sent individualised timetables that will highlight when their exams will take place. The exams usually run from early May and into June.

In the highly unlikely event that there is a national disruption to a day of examinations in Summer 2020, the awarding bodies will liaise with the qualification regulators and the DfE to agree the most appropriate option for managing the impact. As a last resort the affected examinations will be rescheduled. Although every effort would be taken to keep the impact to a minimum, it is possible that there could be more than one timetable date affected following the disruption, **up to and including the contingency day on Wednesday 24th June 2020**. Centres will be alerted if it was agreed to reschedule the examinations and the affected candidates will be expected to make themselves available in such circumstances. The decision regarding the re-scheduling of examinations will always rest with the Awarding Body. The centre **must** conduct the examination on the scheduled date unless instructed to do otherwise by the Awarding Body. Where candidates choose not to be available for the rescheduled examination (s) for reasons other than those traditionally covered by special consideration, they **will not** be eligible for enhanced grading arrangements.

We have been advised by the JCQ (Joint Council for Qualifications) to ensure candidates and parents are aware of this contingency arrangement so that they may take this into account when making their plans for the summer.

I hope that the above is clear, but if you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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