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Dear Parents,

**RE: EXAM CONTINGENCY DAY – JUNE 2020**

Although the Summer 2020 exams may still seem some way off at the moment, we wish to share some important information with you to avoid any possible issues during the Summer exam series. During the Lent term, students 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 Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May to Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2020.

However, for the Summer 2020 exam series a “contingency” exam day has been arranged by the examination awarding bodies which all students 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 2020 examination series.”*

The decision comes to continue with the date after its successful introduction last Summer following the Manchester attacks and the Grenfell Tower fire in recent years. 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 24<sup>th</sup> June 2020**. This means that all exam candidates must be available to sit exams from the date of their first exam until Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2020. This decision is not a school decision and does apply to all candidates in all schools.

Please can all students/parents/carers make a note of the contingency exam date in the event that an awarding body needs to invoke its contingency plan.

Yours sincerely,

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