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Dear Parent/Carer

Summer 2019 Exams - Contingency Day

The summer 2019 exams may seem like a long way off at the moment, but we have recently been made 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 individual exam timetables for the summer exams. The summer exams usually run from early May, with Art and Photography exams taking place first, with formal written exams following throughout May and into June. A copy of the outline exam timetable for 2019 can be found on our school website.

However, 2019 will be different. Students will still receive their exam timetable, but for the first time a contingency exam day has been arranged by all the exam boards. The contingency day has been arranged should a sustained national or local disruption arise during the Summer 2019 series and following the tragic events at Manchester Arena and the Grenfell Tower fire, the exam boards have decided that they need the option to postpone an exam in the event of such an incident and rearrange for a later date to allow all students a fair and equal chance.

The date that has been set aside is **Wednesday 26th June 2019**. This means that **ALL** exam candidates must be available to sit exams from the start of exams in May until Wednesday 26th June 2019. This is not a school decision and applies to all candidates in all schools in England.

Please can parents and carers make a note of this reserve exam date. It will be common and completely understandable for families to book holidays in June when students have finished their exams and prices will be lower. 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 day.

If you have any queries regarding this, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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