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Dear Parent/Carer

GCSE and Technical Award Exams – Contingency Day Wednesday 26th June 2019

The summer exams at the end of Year 11 may seem like a long way away but we have just become aware of some important information that we need to share with you so as to avoid any issues next summer.

During the spring term students will be sent individualised timetables that will highlight when their final exam will take place.

The exams in Year 11 usually run from early May, with Art and Drama exams taking place first of all, with formal written exams following through to May and into June, however, 2019 will be different. Students will still receive their exam timetables but for the first time a contingency exam day has been arranged by the exam boards and added to each student's timetable. The 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 date that has been set aside as the contingency day is Wednesday 26th June. With this in mind, could I please encourage all parents and carers to make a note of the new reserve exam date. 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.

I hope that this makes sense but if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

Mr R Hibbard
Headteacher

