



October 5th, 2018

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 become aware of some important information that we need to share with you, to avoid any issues next summer.

The exams in Year 11 usually run from early May and into June. However 2019 will be different since for the first time a contingency exam day has been arranged by the JCQ (Joint Council for Qualifications), who are the providers of regulations and examination practices across the UK. 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 is 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 and they must be available and not away on holiday.

Kind regards,

James Walter - Examinations Officer