



Our reference SEA / LCA

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Dear Parent / Carer

Summer 2020 exams contingency day - Wednesday 24th June 2020

The summer 2020 GCSE exams may seem like a long way off at the moment, but we wish to share some important information with you to avoid any possible issues next summer.

During the spring term, students will be given their individual exam timetables which will highlight when their final exams will take place.

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 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 following the tragic events of summer 2017, namely the Manchester attack and the Grenfell Tower fire. The Joint Council for Qualifications have decided that they need the option to postpone an exam in the event of an incident and rearrange 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 24th June 2020. This means that all exam candidates must be available to sit exams from the date of their first exam until Wednesday 24th June 2020. This decision is not a school decision and applies to all students in all schools.

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

To summarise, all year 11 pupils need to be available for their GCSE exams between Monday 11th May and Wednesday 24th June 2020.

If you have any queries regarding this please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Eastham, the Exams Officer, at school.

Kind regards

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