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Dear Parent/Carer,

Summer 2024 Exams – Contingency Days

The summer 2024 exams may seem like a long way away at the moment, but we need to bring to your attention some essential information 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 summer exams usually run from early May, with Art and language speaking exams taking place first, with formal written exams following throughout May and into June.

Three contingency exam days have been arranged by the exam boards and added to each student's timetable. The contingency days have been arranged for GCSE examinations, should sustained National or local disruption arise during the summer examination series.

Following the tragic events of the Manchester attacks and the Grenfell Tower fire, the Joint Council for Qualifications put in place an option to postpone an exam/exams, in the event of an incident or disruption, and rearrange for a later date to allow all students a fair and equal chance.

The dates that have been set aside as the contingency days for 2024 are 6th June, 13th June and 26th June. This means that all exam candidates must be available to sit exams from the start of the exams in May through to and including 26th June 2024. This decision is not a school decision and applies to all candidates in all schools.

Please can all parents and carers make a note of these reserve exam dates. It will be common and completely understandable for families to want to book holidays in June and July for Year 11 students, as prices are often lower when they 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 exam/s and be awarded zero marks for that exam.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Jonathan Templeton'.

Jonathan Templeton
Head Teacher

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Nikki Sutton'.

Nikki Sutton
Exams Officer