

9 July 2019

Dear Student/Parent/Carer

Designated GCSE & A Level (or equivalent) Exam Contingency Day
Summer 2020 examination series : Wednesday 24 June 2020

The summer 2020 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.

As a consequence of such tragic events as the Manchester Arena bombing on 22 May 2017 and the Grenfell Tower fire on 14 June 2017, the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) in consultation with all the Exam Awarding Bodies decided that they needed the option to postpone and reschedule an exam on a later date. This option would be used to allow all students a fair and equal chance in the event of another major incident occurring locally or nationally.

The date that has been set aside by the JCQ as the Awarding Bodies contingency day for next summer is **Wednesday 24 June 2020**. This means that all students in Years 12 & 13 sitting **external** exams next summer **must be available to sit exams from the date of their first exam up to and including Wednesday 24 June 2020**. This decision is not a school decision and it applies to all candidates in all schools who will be sitting external exams around the country.

Please can all students/parents/carers make a note of the contingency exam date in the event that an Awarding Body needs to invoke its contingency plan.

Yours faithfully



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