

Summer 2019 Exams – Contingency Day

Students will be given their individual exam timetables which will highlight when their final exam will take place. However for the Summer 2019 exam series a “contingency” exam period has been arranged by the examination awarding bodies which all students need to be aware of. This contingency day for GCSE and/or A Level (or equivalent) examinations has been put in place “in the event of widespread, sustained national or local disruption to examinations during the June 2019 examination series.” The decision comes following the tragic events of last summer, namely the Manchester attacks 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 last day that has been set aside as is **Wednesday 26 June 2019**. This means that all exam candidates must be available to sit exams from the date of their first exam until Wednesday 26 June 2019. This decision is not a school decision and does apply to all candidates in all schools. Please can all students/parents/carers make a note of the new contingency exam date in the event that an awarding body needs to invoke its contingency plan.

If the plan has to be put in place, and a candidate misses an exam due to work commitments or holiday (for example) they will not be entitled to apply for ‘special consideration’