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Dear Y11 Parent/Carers

Summer 2024 Public Examination GCSE & L2 Timetables, Contingency & Results Days

We wish to share some important information with you to avoid any possible issues this summer with the forthcoming May/ June 2024 Public Examinations Season. During the first half of the spring term (February 2024), students will be given their individual exam timetables. Until then, please use this link to our website to access all the Exam Boards' finalised summer 2024 timetables:

Curriculum - Exams

The summer written exam period for GCSEs will run from **Thursday 9 May 2024** and lasts for 5 weeks (not including June half term holiday).

However, for the Summer 2024 exam series, "contingency" exam days have been arranged by all of the examination awarding bodies (AQA, Edexcel/ Pearson, OCR & WJEC/ Eduqas) which all students and parents need to be aware of. These contingency days for all levels of exams has been put in place "in the event of widespread, sustained national or local disruption to examinations during the May/ June 2024 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 (JCQ) have decided that they need the option to postpone an exam (or exams) in the event of an incident and rearrange them for a later date to allow all students a fair and equal chance.

The dates that have been set aside as the contingency days are:

- Thursday 6 June 2024 afternoon only
- Thursday 13 June 2024 afternoon only
- Wednesday 26 June 2024 all day

This means that all exam candidates must be available to sit exams from the date of their first exam until Wednesday 26 June 2024.

This decision is not a school decision and does apply to all candidates in all schools, nationally.

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

Finally, the confirmed Results Day for all GCSEs and L2 examinations is Thursday 22 August 2024.

Yours faithfully

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