

Contingency Day 2019 – Summer GCSE Exams

During the spring term, pupils will be given their individual exam timetables which will highlight when their final exam will take place. The summer written exam period will run from Monday 13th May to Tuesday 25th June 2019.

However, for the Summer 2019 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 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 date that has been set aside as the contingency day is **Wednesday 26th June 2019**. This means that all exam candidates must be available to sit exams from the date of their first exam until Wednesday 26th June 2019.

This decision is not a school decision and applies 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.