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To: Year 11 – Parent/Carers

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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: GCSE, GCE and Technical Award Exams – Contingency Days, Summer 2024

The awarding bodies have collectively agreed a contingency day for several years now which is always scheduled at the end of the GCSE, GCE AS and A-level exam timetables.

The contingency day is used in the event of a national or significant local disruption to exams in the United Kingdom, being part of the awarding bodies' standard contingency planning for exams.

Following the Covid-19 pandemic, further resilience was needed within the exam timetables. A single contingency day was not felt to be sufficient enough if a national event or incident had a significant effect on the exam timetable. For example, Summer exams could be affected by extremely high temperatures.

For the June 2024 exams, the awarding bodies have therefore introduced two additional half-day contingency sessions. These are on **Thursday 6 June 2024** and **Thursday 13 June 2024**. The standard contingency day remains at the end of the timetable, being scheduled on **Wednesday 26 June 2024**. All students must be available up to, and including these dates, regardless of when their last exam is scheduled.

With this in mind, I would like to encourage all parent/carers to make a note of the new reserved exam dates as it could have a significant impact on the outcome of your child/wards grade if they were absent during a rearranged final exam.

Yours faithfully



Mrs C Haywood
Examinations Manager