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To: Y13 parents/carers

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Dear Parent/Carer

GCSE, GCE and Technical Award Exams: Contingency Days Summer 2023

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

The contingency day is in the event of 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 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 2023 exams, the awarding bodies have therefore introduced two additional half-day contingency sessions. These are on Thursday 8 June 2023 and Thursday 15 June 2023. The standard contingency day remains at the end of the timetable on Wednesday 28 June 2023. All students must be available up to and including these dates, regardless of when their last exam is scheduled.

With this in mind, could I please encourage all parents and carers to make a note of the new reserve exam dates. It could have a significant impact on the outcome of your child's/ward's grade if they were absent during this rearranged final exam.

Yours faithfully

Mrs C Haywood
Examinations Manager

