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Dear Parent/Carer

GCSE Examinations – Contingency Day 2024

The summer exams at the end of Year 11 may seem like a long way away, but we have some important information that we need to share with you in order to avoid any issues next summer.

The exam boards create the exam timetable for summer 2024 and we will send this out to all parents before the Christmas break. The exams usually run from early May and finish towards the end of June. Depending on subject combinations, students have sometimes completed all exams by the middle of June. It is completely understandable that many families book holidays after their son/daughter's final exam.

However, following the Grenfell Tower disaster in 2017, the exam boards added a 'contingency exam day' which has been arranged for "GCSE and/or GCE examinations, should sustained national or local disruption arise during the examination series." Essentially, if there is a serious incident which requires an exam to be moved, the contingency date will be used.

The contingency date set aside for next summer is 26th June 2024. In addition, the exam boards have also added 'contingency afternoons' on the 6th and 13th June 2024. With this in mind, could I ask all parents to make a note of these reserve exam dates as I would hate to see any student missing out on a grade they've worked so hard for because they may be absent from a rearranged final exam.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

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