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Dear Student/Parent/Carer,

Important information regarding the Summer 2019 exams

After the Easter holidays, students 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 13 May - Thursday 27 June 2019 inclusive (students will be notified by teachers of any practical/other exam dates which take place prior to this window).

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, AS level and 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."

After the tragic events of last summer, namely the Manchester attacks and the Grenfell Tower fire, the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) decided that they needed the option of postponing an exam in the event of an incident and rearrange it for a later date to allow all students a fair and equal chance.

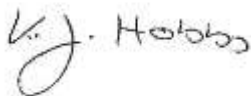
The date is **Wednesday 26 June 2019**, all exam candidates must be available to sit exams on this date. It would be terrible if after a lot of hard work, a student missed out on a good grade because they were absent from a rearranged exam.

Please can you make a note of the contingency exam date should an awarding body need to activate its contingency plan.

I would like to emphasize that this decision is not a school decision and does apply to all candidates in all schools.

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

Yours faithfully



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