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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

## **IMPORTANT: GCSE and GCE Contingency Day on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

I am writing to advise you that the JCQ (Joint Council for Qualifications), the providers of regulations and examination practices across the UK, has introduced a contingency date into the summer 2019 GCSE and GCE timetables. The day designated, which is part of the standard contingency planning for examinations, is **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2019**.

This 'contingency day' will only be used in a very rare and exceptional case where examinations scheduled for a particular day in the timetable cannot be held, due to unforeseen circumstances, on a national level. **This means that all exam candidates, including your daughter, must remain available until Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2019 should an awarding body need to invoke its contingency plan and reschedule one or more of the GCSE, AS or A2 examinations for that day.**

**Please be advised that special consideration cannot be applied in cases where exam candidates cannot sit a rescheduled examination on this date, for reasons other than those listed under the JCQ criteria.**

Further information about this contingency date, including frequently asked questions, can be found at [www.jcq.org.uk/exams-office/ice---instructions-for-conducting-examinations](http://www.jcq.org.uk/exams-office/ice---instructions-for-conducting-examinations)

Note that this decision is not a school decision and applies to all exam candidates in all schools. If you require additional information or further clarification regarding this matter, please contact Mr Boardman (School Examination Officer).

**Finally, I reiterate that students sitting public exams must be available on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2019 and so you are strongly advised to bear this in mind when booking holidays or other events this summer, even though at present your daughter may not have timetabled exams on this day.**

Yours sincerely,

Paul Kane  
(Acting Principal)