

October 2019

Summer 2020 Exams – Contingency Day

Dear Parent/Carer,

The summer 2020 exams may seem like a long way away at the moment, however there is some important information that we need to share with you to avoid any issues next summer.

During the spring term students will be sent individualised timetables that will highlight when their final exam will take place. The summer exams usually run from early May, with Art exams taking place first of all, and formal written exams following throughout May and into June.

In the highly unlikely event that there is national disruption to a day of examinations in summer 2020, the awarding bodies will liaise with the qualification regulators and the DfE to agree the most appropriate option for managing the impact. As a last resort the affected examinations will be rescheduled. Although every effort would be taken to keep the impact to a minimum, it is possible that there could be more than one timetable date affected following the disruption, **up to and including** the contingency day on **24 June 2020**. Schools will be alerted if it was agreed to reschedule the examinations and the affected candidates will be expected to make themselves available in such circumstances. The decision regarding the re-scheduling of examinations will always rest with the awarding body. The centre must conduct the examination on the scheduled date unless instructed to do otherwise by the awarding body.

Where candidates choose not to be available for the rescheduled examination(s) for reasons other than those traditionally covered by special consideration, they will not be eligible for enhanced grading arrangements.

This decision is not a school decision and does apply to all candidates in all schools.

Please can all parents and carers make a note of the new reserve exam date. It will be common and completely understandable for many families to book holidays in June and July as prices will be lower when students have finished their exams. However, it will be devastating for a student to miss out on a good grade after working hard for two years because they might be absent from a rearranged final exam.

Yours sincerely,

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