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Dear Parents and Carers

Summer 2026 Examinations – Contingency Day

The summer 2026 examinations may seem like a long way off; however, time will pass very quickly, and I want to share essential information with you to avoid any issues next summer.

During the spring term, students will be issued with their individual examination timetables, which will show when their final examinations take place.

The Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) need the option to postpone an examination in the event of an incident and then rearrange for a later date, to allow all students a fair and equal chance to sit their examinations. As such, the contingency day for summer 2026 examinations has been put in place “in the event of national or significant local disruption to examinations during the summer 2026 examination series”.

The date that has been set aside as the contingency day is **Wednesday 24 June 2026**. This means that all examination candidates must be available to sit examinations from the date of their first examination up until and including Wednesday 24 June 2026.

The date is not an academy decision and it applies to all candidates in all schools nationally. Please note that the contingency examination date will not show on students’ individual examination timetables.

I would recommend that parents/carers please make a note of the above date. It will be devastating for a student to miss a good grade after working hard for two years, should they be absent from a rearranged final examination.

Should you have any queries regarding this, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Cooksey, examination officer, on 0191 4334029.

Yours faithfully

Dr A Fowler
Principal

• Trust

• Respect

• Courage

• Ambition