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Dear Parent/Carers

EXAM CONTINGENCY DAY – WEDNESDAY 28th JUNE 2023

Although the Summer 2023 exams may still seem a long way off at the moment, we wish to share some important information with you to avoid any possible issues next summer. During the spring term students will be given their individual exam timetables which will highlight when their final exam is scheduled to take place. The summer written exam period will run from Monday 15th May to Friday 23 June 2023.

Following the COVID-19 pandemic, further resilience was needed within the exam timetables. A single contingency day was not felt to be sufficient if a national event or incident had a significant effect on the exam timetable. For example, summer exams could be affected by extremely high temperatures.

For the June 2023 exams, the awarding bodies have therefore introduced two additional half-day contingency sessions. These are on **Thursday 8 June 2023** and **Thursday 15 June 2023**. The standard contingency day remains at the end of the timetable being scheduled on **Wednesday 28th June 2023**.

This means that all exam candidates must be available to sit exams from the date of their first exam until Wednesday 28th June 2023. This decision is not a school decision and does apply to all candidates in all schools. Please can all students/parents/carers make a note of the contingency exam date in the event that an awarding body needs to invoke its contingency plan.

Yours faithfully

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