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Dear Parent/Carer

Summer 2019 Exams – Contingency Day

Please note, with regards to the summer 2019 exams season, we have just become aware of 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 formal written exams following throughout May and into June.

However 2019 will be different. Students will still receive their exam timetables, but for the first time a contingency exam day has been arranged by the exam boards and added to each student's timetable. The contingency day has been arranged for "GCSE and/or GCE examinations, should sustained national or local disruption arise during the June 2019 examination series."

The Joint Council for Qualifications have decided that they need the option to postpone an exam in the event of an incident and rearrange for a later date to allow all students a fair and equal chance.

The date that has been set aside as the contingency date is Wednesday 26th June 2019. This means that all exam candidates must be available to sit exams from the start of the exams in May until Wednesday 26th June 2019. 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.

If you have any queries, please contact myself on the following: donovanj@haileyburyturnford.com.

Yours faithfully



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