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Dear Parents/Carers

GCSE and A-level Examinations - National Contingency Day 2027

I would like to bring to your attention the date the Joint Council for Qualifications have announced for the National Contingency Day; this will apply to all candidates taking GCSE and A Level examinations in Summer 2027.

This is a day specifically set aside should sustained national or local disruption arise during the June 2027 examination series. If disruption occurs, the GCSE and/or GCE (A Level) examinations would be postponed and be taken at a later day.

The date that has been set aside as the contingency day is Wednesday 23 June 2027 (all day).

Candidates taking public examinations next summer should ensure that they are available to sit an exam up to and including **Wednesday 23 June 2027** in the unlikely event that an examination day is lost because of a national or local emergency.

Please can all parents/carers/candidates make a note of the contingency exam date in the event an awarding body needs to invoke its contingency plan. In practical terms, this means that the final examination date on the timetable for Summer 2027 for **all** candidates will be Wednesday 23 June 2027.

Yours faithfully

Mr I S Dicksee
Head Master