



BORDEN GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Borden Grammar School
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Dear Parent/Carer

Summer 2019 Exams – Contingency Day

The summer 2019 exams may seem like a long way off at the moment, but we wish to share some important information with you to avoid any issues next summer.

During term 4 students will be given their individual exam timetables which will highlight when their final exam will take place. However for the Summer 2019 exam series a “contingency” exam day has been arranged by the examination awarding bodies and added to each student’s timetable.

This contingency day for GCSE and/or A Level (or equivalent) examinations has been put in place “in the event of widespread, sustained national or local disruption to examinations during the June 2019 examination series.” The decision comes following the tragic events of last summer, namely the Manchester attacks and the Grenfell Tower fire. 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 day is **Wednesday 26 June 2019**. This means that all exam candidates must be available to sit exams from the date of their first exam up to and including Wednesday 26 June 2019. This decision is not a school decision and does apply to all candidates in all schools.

With this in mind, could I please encourage all parents/carers to make a note of the contingency 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 faithfully

Miss P Francis
Examinations Officer



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