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Dear Parent/Carer

GCSE AND A LEVEL EXAMS CONTINGENCY DAY - WEDNESDAY 26TH JUNE 2019

The summer exams at the end of Year 11 and Year 13 may still seem like a long way off, but we have become aware of some important information that we need to share with you to avoid any issues next May and June.

GCSE and A level exam entries will be submitted to the exam boards during January 2019 and students will be sent individual timetables, hopefully by February half term 2019.

The timetable for GCSE written exams starts on Monday 13 May, and A level exams are timetabled from Monday 20 May 2019. Non-examined assessments (coursework type work), and other practical exams, including Art, Textiles, Graphics and MFL speaking exams, will take place before the main exam season commences at times arranged by teaching staff. Most students should have completed all their exams by Thursday 19 June 2019.

However, following on from the Manchester bombing and Grenfell Tower disaster in summer 2017, the exams board have for the first time ever arranged a contingency day on **WEDNESDAY 26 JUNE 2019**. This day has been arranged "for GCSE and/or GCE (A level) examinations, should sustained national or local disruption arise during the June 2019 examinations series".

If there was a very serious disruption, and the exam boards felt that it would not be appropriate for exams to take place on a particular day, those exams would be postponed until **WEDNESDAY 26 JUNE 2019, THEREFORE ALL STUDENTS WILL NEED TO BE AVAILABLE ON THAT DAY IN CASE OF EMERGENCIES.**

With this in mind, we are advising all parents and carers to make a note of this reserve exam date and ensure that their child would be available to come in to school and sit a postponed exam, if necessary. It is completely understandable for families to book holidays in June and July after the exams have finished when prices might be lower, but it would be devastating for a student to miss out on a good grade after working hard for two years because they were absent from a rearranged final exam.

I hope that this makes sense, but if you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me on 01246 565 804, or by email – m.woods@brookfield.derbyshire.sch.uk.

Yours faithfully

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Exams Officer

