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EXAM CONTINGENCY DAYS – SUMMER 2024

The awarding exam bodies have collectively agreed a contingency day for several years now which is always scheduled at the end of the GCSE exam timetables. The contingency day is in the event of national or significant local disruption to exams in the United Kingdom, being part of the awarding bodies' standard contingency planning for exams.

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.

The dates that have been set aside as the contingency days are the **afternoons of Thursday 6th June, Thursday 13th June 2024, as well as Wednesday 26th June 2024 – all day**. This means that all exam candidates **must be available to sit exams from the date of their first exam until Wednesday 26th June 2024 or their final exam date, whichever is the latest**.

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 dates in the event that an awarding body needs to invoke its contingency plan?



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