Exam Contingency Day

The Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) have announced a contingency day for the

summer exams series 2019. The date that has been set aside is WEDNESDAY 24th JUNE

2020.

The contingency day for ALL external examinations has been put in place “in the event of

widespread, sustained national or local disruption to examination during the June

2020 examination series”.

Therefore, in the event of a major disruption, JCQ and/or the relevant Awarding Bodies

may decide to postpone an exam to another date in the Summer 2020 exam series. This

means that any students sitting external examinations in May/June 2020 must be available

until Wednesday 24th June to sit any exams that had to be postponed.

The decision comes following the tragic events in the past, most recently 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. This means that all exam

candidates must be available to sit exams from the start of the exams in May until the end

of June. This is not a school decision and does apply to all candidates in all schools.

If you have any further questions on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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