

March 2022



Dear Parent / Carer

As the Spring term is when students individualised exam timetables are issued you will also be able to note when their final exam will take place.

The exams for Year 11 and Sixth Form usually run from early May, with Art and Photography exams taking place first of all and MFL speaking tests, with formal written exams following through to May and into June.

As this is a return to the sitting of timetabled exams, you need to be aware that exam boards include a contingency date period during the exam season.

This will be **applicable to all students**. ***The contingency exam period has been arranged for “GCSE and/or GCE examinations, should sustained national or local disruption arise during the June 2022 examination series.”*** This would of course be under exceptional circumstances but needs to be there as a contingency for any such situation, where a specific exam had to be re-arranged nationally.

The period that has been set aside as **the exam contingency period is up to and including Wednesday 29th June**. With this in mind, could I please encourage all parents and carers to make a note of the new reserve exam period. 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, that could fall during this contingency period.

I hope that this makes sense, but if you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

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