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Dear Parent/Carer

Contingency Arrangements for GCSE and A-level Examinations, Summer 2021

You will be aware from the media that the Department for Education has announced a range of support and contingency measures for the summer external examination series. One key measure in place is that, if a student misses an examination paper (for example because they are forced to self-isolate or are seriously unwell), they may be eligible to sit a single contingency paper (a replacement paper). These contingency papers will take place between 28 June and 16 July 2021. The contingency papers will be timetabled to allow at least a 10-day gap after each subject's final paper in the main series.

Obviously, this means the window of the examination period has lengthened, and therefore students should be available to sit examinations (and not book holidays) up to and including 16 July 2021.

We will update you further when we have more detailed information.

I would like to mention how pleased we have been with the maturity and commitment both Year 11 and Year 13 have demonstrated across their trial examinations this month, and we look forward to their success in 2021.

Yours sincerely

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