

Dear Parents/Guardians

Examinations Contingency Days – 10th and 24th of June 2026

I write to inform you of the new **Contingency Day** that has been introduced by the Joint Councils for Qualifications (JCQ). This has been put into place in case any exams are severely disturbed or cannot take place due to a major incident.

Below you will find the information published by the JCQ and useful links for further information.

Contingency Planning

The qualification regulators, JCQ and government departments responsible for education have prepared and agreed information for schools and colleges in the event of examinations being seriously disrupted. This jointly agreed information will ensure consistency of response in the event of major disruption to the examinations system affecting significant numbers of candidates.

The awarding bodies have therefore introduced two contingency sessions. These are Wednesday 10th June and Wednesday 24th June 2026, as a contingency day for examinations. This is consistent with the qualification regulators' document Exam system contingency plan: England, Wales and Northern Island.

In the event of the Contingency Day being required, all Year 11 pupils are to ensure they remain available up and until 26th June 2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/exam-system-contingency-plan-england-wales-and-northern-ireland/what-schools-and-colleges-should-do-if-exams-or-other-assessments-are-seriously-disrupted>

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If you have any questions please let me know.

Yours faithfully

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