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Dear Parents and Carers

2024 Summer Examination Series

The dates for next year's GCSE & GCE (A & AS Level) examination series have now been published and it will run from Thursday 9 May to Tuesday 25 June 2024.

For the last few years the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) have instigated a National Contingency Day at the end of the public examination series. This ensures that in the event of "widespread sustained national or local disruption arising during the examination series", it would be possible to sit affected GCSE and GCE exams on a day held aside for that purpose. The option to postpone an exam in the event of an incident and re-arrange for a later date allows all students a fair and equal chance. For 2024, there are two contingency afternoons on the afternoons of Thursday 6 June and Thursday 13 June and a whole contingency day on Wednesday 26 June.

Although we hope that these contingency dates will not need to be used, you need to be aware that any affected exam could be rescheduled to a date **up to and including the 26 June 2024** and if your child were not available they could be awarded zero marks for that exam and would not be entitled to special consideration for absence. Contingency does not allow students to request the movement of an examination paper: this would be a local, regional or national Government decision to move a paper for every student.

We would therefore strongly advise you that you do not book a holiday that starts before this date. If your child is sitting GCSEs and thinking of staying at Borlase for Sixth Form, there will additionally be Sixth Form induction days at this time.

These dates apply to candidates in all schools nationally, and cover all exam boards, subjects and qualifications.

Individual candidate timetables will not be available until the Spring, but the full timetables for each board are published on their websites. If you are unsure which board your child is sitting for any subject, this information is available on our website:

SWBGS Subjects and their exam boards - <https://www.swbgs.com/examboards>

The final examination timetables will eventually appear on the following pages for each board. Please ensure, if you are looking up exam dates, that you are looking at a final 2024 timetable and not a provisional one.

OCR - ocr.org.uk/administration/general-qualifications/preparation/key-dates-and-timetables/

AQA - www.aqa.org.uk/exams-administration/dates-and-timetables

Edexcel - qualifications.pearson.com/en/support/support-topics/exams/exam-timetables.html
choosing the relevant options from the drop down menus

Eduqas (GCSE Drama only) -
https://www.eduqas.co.uk/home/administration/key-dates-and-timetables/#tab_0

Yours faithfully

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