



CP RIVERSIDE SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

SUMMER 2019 EXAMS – IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The summer 2019 exams may seem like a long way away at the moment, but we need to make you aware of some important information to avoid any issues next summer.

During the spring term students will be sent timetables detailing the dates and times of all their exams. This year, for the first time, the timetable will include a contingency day that has been arranged by the exam boards for **GCSE** examinations. The contingency day has been arranged should a national or local disruption arise during the June 2019 series.

The decision comes following the tragic events in previous summers, namely 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,

The date that has been set aside for the contingency day is **Wednesday, 26 June 2019**. This means that all GCSE exam candidates must be available to sit exams until Wednesday 26 June 2019. This decision is not a school decision and does apply to all GCSE candidates in all schools. Please find below the dates for the summer GCSE exams for your information:

21/05/2019 GCSE Maths Paper 1
04/06/2019 GCSE English Language Paper 1
06/06/2019 GCSE Maths Paper 2
07/06/2019 GCSE English Language Paper 2
11/06/2019 GCSE Maths Paper 3

26/06/2019 GCSE Contingency day

Please can all parents and carers make a note of the new reserve exam date. It will be common for many families to book holidays in June and July when students have finished their exams, however, it will be devastating for a student to miss out on a grade after working hard because they might be absent from a rearranged final exam.

Students not sitting GCSEs will be undertaking Functional Skills exams during May and June. Exact dates and times will be sent during the spring term.

Kind regards

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