



St Katherine's School



5 April 2019

Exam Contingency Day – 26 June 2019

The Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) have announced a contingency day for the summer exams series 2019.

The date that has been set aside is **WEDNESDAY 26TH JUNE 2019**. The contingency day for ALL external examinations has been put in place "in the event of widespread, sustained national or local disruption to examination during the June 2019 examination series". Therefore, in the event of a major disruption, JCQ and/or the relevant Awarding Bodies may decide to postpone an exam to another date in the Summer 2019 exam series. This means that any students sitting external examinations in May/June 2019 must be available until Wednesday 26th June to sit any exams that had to be postponed.

The decision comes following the tragic events of last summer, 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.

This means that all exam candidates must be available to sit exams from the start of the exams in May until the end of June. This is not a school decision and applies to all candidates in all schools. If you have any further questions on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

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