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Dear Parents, Carers and Year 10 and Year 12 students,

Summer 2020 public examinations Contingency Day: Wednesday 24th June 2020

The Summer 2020 public examinations probably seem like a long way off at the moment, but I am updating you now regarding important information which may affect holiday plans after the Summer 2020 examination series finishes.

Firstly, the provisional date for the last GCSE written examination is 18th June 2020 and for the written A-Level (or equivalent) examinations, it is 23rd June 2020.

Secondly, as is the case every year, the Summer 2020 examination series also includes a "contingency" examination day, arranged by the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) on behalf of all of the examination awarding bodies and which applies to all students taking GCSE and A-Level (or equivalent) examinations. The contingency examination day has been put in place to be used in the event of "sustained national or local disruption" during the Summer 2020 examinations, such as the tragic events of the Manchester attacks and the Grenfell Tower fire. In these circumstances, the awarding bodies whose examinations are running at this time will have the option to postpone their examination and to rearrange it at a later date, so that students affected by the incident have a fair and equal chance to gain their qualifications.

The contingency day next year is Wednesday 24th June 2020. This means that all examination candidates at Blackfen School must be available to sit examinations from the date of their first examination until Wednesday 24th June 2020. This decision is not a school decision and it applies to all candidates in all schools.

Parents, carers and students should note the contingency examination date in the event that an awarding body needs to invoke its contingency plan. They should also ensure that telephone and email details held by the school are accurate and updated, as necessary, so that students can be contacted quickly.

Yours faithfully,

Miss F Minnis
Deputy Headteacher

