

11th October 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

As we receive further information about the summer 2023 exams, the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ), have informed us of two contingency days. These are days that may be used if there is any disruption to a day of exams for any reason. In such a case exams may be rescheduled to one of these two contingency days. The dates for these contingency days are Thursday 8th June (right in the middle of the exam window) and Wednesday 28th June (right at the end of the exam window).

Therefore, students need to make sure they are available on these days and must not arrange a holiday until after 28th June – the last possible day exams will take place.

The JCQ go on to say, if students are not available because they are on holiday and one of their exams is rescheduled to this day, they will not be eligible for special consideration by the exam boards. For this reason, the JCQ request all schools inform parents and students of this date so that it can be taken into account when making plans for the summer.

We hope that the use of the contingency days will not be necessary. However, we feel duty bound to pass on the JCQ information and request that students be available on 28th June, in case it is required.

In previous years we have been able to provide you with finalised exam dates by this point in the academic year. However, due to COVID-19 and a wish to review procedures used in summer 2022 exams, Exam Boards only released their provisional timetables on 29th September. There will now be a short consultation period on the proposed timetables and exam dates will be finalised later in the autumn.

Although you can find these provisional exam dates online, we have not yet produced our school specific timetable, which we will make available on our web site. This is because exam dates and start times do change between the provisional and finalised timetables.

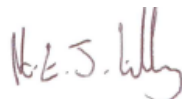
We will be back in touch with you once finalised exam dates have been released.

If you have any queries about any of the information contained in the above letter please contact our Exams Officer, Peter Lilley – peter.lilley@whitleybayhighschool.org.

Yours faithfully



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