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Dear Parent/Guardian,

With the GCSE examinations rapidly approaching, the final arrangements are being made to ensure that the whole examination series is managed effectively.

Your son/daughter has already received his/her examination timetable, stating the date, session and paper that is being sat. In addition, we will be placing the general timetable and other important documents on the school website.

It is important to note that according to the timetable, the final examination takes place at school on the 19th June 2019 with the 20th June 2019 given as the official date for the final examination nationally. However, the examination boards and JCQ have designated Wednesday 26th June 2019 as a 'Contingency Day'. This means that should there be a reason, either locally or nationally, where a significant number of candidates are unable to take a particular examination, this examination will take place on the Contingency Day. Therefore, I would strongly advise you to ensure that your son/daughter is available to take any examination that is required on that day. Special consideration would not be granted should there be an absence. This may not be very helpful to those who want to book holidays or have other plans, but I will let you know as soon as possible of any changes. If all the exams are completed, the day should not be required.

The March Mock Examinations have now been completed and have been a very useful and informative stage in the assessment prior to the summer. As well as helping us all to identify further areas of development, PLC's etc, they provide a useful barometer for how prepared all the pupils are. With this in mind, can I politely request that your son/daughter has the following equipment:

- Two black pens
- Two pencils
- Eraser
- 30cm ruler
- 180 degrees protractor
- Compass
- Scientific Calculator

We are able to lend these items, but may not have enough of them, depending upon the demand. It is also important to note that if the equipment belongs to your son/daughter, there is a security that it is ready for the exam. Borrowing a calculator runs the risk that the settings have been adjusted, affecting its use. We may be unaware of this, so it could have detrimental consequences.

Should you wish to discuss any of these matters further, please do not hesitate in contacting me.

Yours sincerely,

R. Featherstone
Deputy Headteacher/Examinations Officer