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Dates of the Main GCSE Exam Period and Exam Contingency Days: May-June 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

We are writing to make you aware of the dates of the main GCSE exam period and the exam contingency days put in place by the awarding bodies (exam boards) should any exams need to be rescheduled due to national or significant local disruption to exams.

• The main GCSE exam period begins on Thursday 9th May and ends on Wednesday 26th June 2024.

In addition to the non-exam assessment being completed in lessons during the year, some GCSE exams and components of non-exam assessment will take place on dates scheduled before the main exam period, including PE practical moderation; Modern Foreign Language speaking exams; Drama and Music performances; the externally-set assignment in Art; and the food preparation assessment in Food Preparation & Nutrition. Further details of the dates of these will follow.

The provisional GCSE exam timetable is now available in the <u>Examinations</u> area on the school website. Please note that this is still provisional at this stage and some dates may be subject to change.

- The dates of the exam contingency days are as follows:
 - the afternoon of Thursday 6th June 2024;
 - the afternoon of Thursday 13th June 2024; and
 - Wednesday 26th June 2024 (all day).

These 'contingency days' are used to reschedule exams in the event of national or significant local disruption to exams. Please make sure that, when making your plans for the summer, you keep these dates in mind.

All students sitting exams in the summer series must remain available until Wednesday 26th June 2024 should any exams need to be rescheduled.

Further guidance and important information about exam regulations can be accessed on the 'Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) Regulations' section in the <u>Examinations</u> area on the school website. Students need to read and understand the *Information for Candidates* relating to written examinations, non-examination assessments, coursework assessment and social media, and the *Privacy Notice*.

If you have any questions regarding the exam period, please contact Miss Jones, Exams Manager, at exams@kls.herts.sch.uk.

Kind regards Mrs L Sudbery Deputy Headteacher









Miss K Jones Exams Manager



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