

## **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June – National Contingency Day**

### **What is a 'Contingency Day'?**

It is a new feature to the exam calendar. The reason for this new feature is "...if a significant, unexpected event arises nationally or locally during the exam period such that no students (or a large number of them) are able to take an exam when planned."

(<https://ofqual.blog.gov.uk/2019/01/25/be-prepared-gcse-and-a-level-exam-contingency-day-2019/>)

Essentially, it means that if an event occurs, which affects the nation or a large number of students in a local area, on a day when there is an exam/s, we have a day allocated to take the exam/s instead of the day the event occurred on.

### **Does this mean there will be exams scheduled on this day already?**

No. Currently, there are no exams scheduled for this day. If we are told to invoke the Contingency Day, we will inform you as soon as possible. However, due to the nature of any event which requires the use of the Contingency Day, the notice period for an examination/s day to be rescheduled is likely to be the day before.

### **We have a holiday booked during the week the Contingency Day is in. Is this a problem?**

Arrangements will need to be made for students to attend any exam/s allocated to the Contingency Day, if it is invoked. If the holiday is based in the UK and no special transport arrangements (e.g. air/ferry travel) are needed to return home, you would just need to be prepared to travel back the day before the Contingency Day, in order to sit the exam on the Contingency Day. If you are going to be overseas, it would be prudent to check with your travel insurance provider whether they cover refunds/costs for any adjustments needed to your plans, as a result of the Contingency Day being used.