



13th January 2026

Headteacher - Patrick Earnshaw

Deputy Headteacher - Mathew Downs

Dear Parent

Re: IMPORTANT INFORMATION GCE/GCSE EXAMINATIONS SUMMER 2026

Over the next few months information about Summer 2026 exams will be made available on the school website and on My Highcliffe.

At this point we would like to draw your attention to the information below from The Joint Council for Qualifications, the regulating authority for GCE and GCSE exams taken at Highcliffe School.

Summer 2026 contingency days

The awarding bodies have collectively agreed a contingency day for several years now which is always scheduled at the end of the GCSE, GCE AS and A-level exam timetables.

The contingency day is in the event of national or significant local disruption to exams in the United Kingdom, being part of the awarding bodies' standard contingency planning for exams.'

The standard contingency day for Summer 2026 is Wednesday 24 June 2026.

'Centres must therefore ensure candidates and parents are aware of this contingency arrangement so that they may take it into account when making their plans for the summer.'

Candidates should be encouraged to remain available until Wednesday 26 June 2026 should examinations need to be rescheduled.'

Please could you therefore bear this date in mind. Should any exams need to be moved to the contingency day your son or daughter must be available to attend or will be deemed absent and therefore not achieve a mark/grade for that component.

May I take this opportunity to remind you that important information and instructions for candidates can be found under 'Information/Exams Information' on the school website and that personal examination timetables will be made available on My Highcliffe later in the school year.

Yours sincerely

Miss C Lill
Examinations Officer