

Important information for public examinations 2023

Please note the information below regarding contingency exam dates for the summer 2023 exams.

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.

Following the COVID-19 pandemic, it was felt that further resilience was needed within examination timetables. A single contingency day was not deemed to be sufficient if a national event or incident had a significant effect on the examinations.

For the June 2023 exams, the awarding bodies have therefore introduced two additional half-day contingency sessions. These are on **Thursday 8 June 2023 and Thursday 15 June 2023**. The standard contingency day remains at the end of the timetable being scheduled on **Wednesday 28 June 2023**.

When planning ahead or booking holidays please bear in mind that candidates should be remain available until Wednesday 28 June 2023 should examinations need to be rescheduled.