

6 December 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian

**EXAM CONTINGENCY DAY – JUNE 2019**

The Awarding Bodies have designated Wednesday 26 June 2019 as a 'contingency day' for examinations. This is consistent with the qualification regulators' document *Exam system contingency plan: England, Wales and Northern Ireland* – <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/exam-system-contingency-plan-england-wales-and-northern-ireland>

The designation of a 'contingency day' within the common examination timetable is in the event of national or local disruption to examinations in the UK. It is part of the Awarding Bodies standard contingency planning for examinations.

We are therefore required to remind your son/daughter that they must remain available up to and including Wednesday 26 June 2019 should an Awarding Body need to invoke its contingency plan.

Information regarding non-examination assessments, controlled assessments, mobile phones, warning to candidates and a privacy notice regarding personal data can be found on the Giles Academy's website in the Students, Exams Information section or go to <http://www.gilesacademy.co.uk/exam-information> - a copy has also been given to your son/daughter. It is advisable that this information is read before their exams.

If you have any queries regarding the above, then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully



**G Wright**  
**ASSISTANT HEADTEACHER**

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**Information for candidates  
For written examinations – effective from 1 September 2018**

**This document has been written to help you. Read it carefully and follow the instructions.  
If there is anything you do not understand, especially which calculator you may use, ask your teacher.**

<b>A Regulations – Make sure you understand the rules</b>	
1	Be on time for all your exams. If you are late, your work might not be accepted.
2	Do not become involved in any unfair or dishonest practice during the exam.
3	If you try to cheat, or break the rules in any way, you could be disqualified from all your subjects.
4	You <b>must not</b> take into the exam room: a) <b>notes;</b> b) <b>potential technological/web enabled sources of information such as an iPod, a mobile phone, a MP3/4 player or similar device, a smartwatch or a wrist watch which has a data storage device.</b>  <b>Any pencil cases taken into the exam room must be see-through.</b>  <b>Remember:</b> possession of unauthorised material is breaking the rules, even if you do not intend to use it, and you will be subject to penalty and possible disqualification.
5	If you wear a wrist watch the invigilator will ask you to remove it and place it on your desk.
6	Do not use correcting pens, fluid or tape, erasable pens, highlighters or gel pens in your answers.
7	Do not talk to or try to communicate with, or disturb other candidates once the exam has started.
8	You <b>must not</b> write inappropriate, obscene or offensive material.
9	If you leave the exam room unaccompanied by an invigilator before the exam has finished, you will not be allowed to return.
10	Do not borrow anything from another candidate during the exam.
<b>B Information – Make sure you attend your exams and bring what you need</b>	
1	Know the dates and times of all your exams. Arrive at least ten minutes before the start of each exam.
2	If you arrive late for an exam, report to the invigilator running the exam.
3	If you arrive more than one hour after the published starting time for the exam, you may not be allowed to take it.
4	Only take into the exam room the pens, pencils, erasers and any other equipment which you need for the exam.
5	You <b>must</b> write clearly and in black ink. Coloured pencils or inks may only be used for diagrams, maps, charts, etc. unless the instructions printed on the front of the question paper state otherwise.
<b>C Calculators, Dictionaries and Computer Spell-checkers</b>	
1	You may use a calculator unless you are told otherwise.
2	If you use a calculator: a) make sure it works properly; check that the batteries are working properly; b) clear anything stored in it; c) remove any parts such as cases, lids or covers which have printed instructions or formulas; d) do not bring into the exam room any operating instructions or prepared programs.
3	Do not use a dictionary or computer spell checker unless you are told otherwise.
<b>D Instructions during the exam</b>	
1	Always listen to the invigilator. Follow their instructions at all times.
2	Tell the invigilator at once if: a) you think you have not been given the right question paper or all of the materials listed on the front of the paper; b) the question paper is incomplete or badly printed.
3	Read carefully and follow the instructions printed on the question paper and/or on the answer booklet.
4	Fill in all the details required on the front of the question paper and/or the answer booklet <b>before</b> you start the exam. Make sure you fill these details in on any additional answer sheets that you use.
5	Remember to write your answers within the designated sections of the answer booklet.
6	Do your rough work on the proper exam stationery. Cross it through and hand it in with your answers. Make sure you add your candidate details to any additional answer sheets that you use.
<b>E Advice and assistance</b>	
1	If on the day of the exam you feel that your work may be affected by ill health or any other reason, tell the invigilator.
2	Put up your hand during the exam if: a) you have a problem and are in doubt about what you should do; b) you do not feel well; c) you need more paper.
3	You must not ask for, and will not be given, any explanation of the questions.
<b>F At the end of the exam</b>	
1	If you have used more than one answer booklet and/or any supplementary answer sheets, place them in the correct order. Place any loose additional answer sheets inside your answer booklet. Make sure you add your candidate details to any additional answer sheets that you use.
2	Do not leave the exam room until told to do so by the invigilator.
3	Do not take from the exam room any stationery. This includes the question paper, answer booklets used or unused, rough work or any other materials provided for the exam.

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**Information for candidates  
For on-screen tests – effective from 1 September 2018**

**This document has been written to help you. Read it carefully and follow the instructions.  
If there is anything you do not understand, ask your teacher.**

<b>A Regulations – Make sure you understand the rules</b>	
1	Be on time for your on-screen test(s). If you are late, your work might not be accepted.
2	Do not become involved in any unfair or dishonest practice during the on-screen test.
3	If you try to cheat, or break the rules in any way, you could be disqualified from all your subjects.
4	Only take into the exam room the materials and equipment which are allowed.
5	You <b>must not</b> take into the exam room: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) <b>notes;</b></li> <li>b) <b>potential technological/web enabled sources of information such as an iPod, a mobile phone, a MP3/4 player or similar device, a smartwatch or a wrist watch which has a data storage device.</b></li> </ul> Unless you are told otherwise, you <b>must not</b> have access to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>c) the Internet, e-mail, data stored on the hard drive, or portable storage media such as floppy disks, CDs and memory sticks;</li> <li>d) pre-prepared templates.</li> </ul> <b>Remember: possession of unauthorised material is breaking the rules, even if you do not intend to use it, and you will be subject to penalty and possible disqualification.</b>
6	If you wear a wrist watch the invigilator will ask you to remove it and place it on your desk.
7	Do not talk to or try to communicate with or disturb other candidates once the on-screen test has started.
8	If you leave the exam room unaccompanied by an invigilator before the on-screen test has finished, you will not be allowed to return.
9	Do not borrow anything from another candidate during the on-screen test.
<b>B Information – Make sure you attend your on-screen test and bring what you need</b>	
1	Know the date and time of your on-screen test(s). Arrive at least ten minutes before the start of your on-screen test.
2	If you arrive late for an on-screen test, report to the invigilator running the test.
3	If you arrive more than one hour after the published starting time for the on-screen test, you may not be allowed to take it.
4	Your centre will inform you of any equipment which you may need for the on-screen test.
<b>C Calculators, Dictionaries and Computer Spell-checkers</b>	
1	You may use a calculator unless you are told otherwise.
2	If you use a calculator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) make sure it works properly; check that the batteries are working properly;</li> <li>b) clear anything stored in it;</li> <li>c) remove any parts such as cases, lids or covers which have printed instructions or formulas;</li> <li>d) do not bring into the examination room any operating instructions or prepared programs.</li> </ul>
3	Do not use a dictionary or computer spell checker unless you are told otherwise.
<b>D Instructions during the on-screen test</b>	
1	Always listen to the invigilator. Follow their instructions at all times.
2	Tell the invigilator at once if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) you have been entered for the wrong on-screen test;</li> <li>b) the on-screen test is in another candidate's name;</li> <li>c) you experience system delays or any other IT irregularities.</li> </ul>
3	You may be given a question paper or the instructions may be on-screen. In either case, read carefully and follow the instructions.
<b>E Advice and assistance</b>	
1	If on the day of the on-screen test you feel that your work may be affected by ill health or any other reason, tell the invigilator.
2	Put up your hand during the on-screen test if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) you have a problem with your computer and are in doubt about what you should do;</li> <li>b) you do not feel well.</li> </ul>
3	You must not ask for, and will not be given, any explanation of the questions.
<b>F At the end of the on-screen test</b>	
1	Ensure that the software closes at the end of the on-screen test.
2	If you are required to print off work outside the time allowed for the on-screen test, ensure that you collect your own work. You must not share your work with other candidates. Make sure that another candidate does not collect your printout(s).
3	Do not leave the exam room until told to do so by the invigilator.
4	Do not take from the exam room any stationery. This includes rough work, printouts or any other materials provided for the on-screen test.