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Dear Parent/Carer,

As the autumn leaves begin to fall and winter approaches, many of you will begin to think about warmer climes. So, I am writing to give you advance notice of some important dates ahead of potentially booking a holiday for next summer.

The final GCSE exam for students at Teesdale is scheduled for Monday 15th June 2026, and the final A level exam for our year 13 students is scheduled for Thursday 18th June 2026. There is, however, an 'exams contingency day' that has been timetabled for Wednesday 24th June 2026. This is a day that the government asks the JCQ to keep in reserve in case of an unexpected disruption to exams because of some form of national emergency or unforeseen event. As a consequence, should an exam be moved to that date and students not attend because they were on holiday, they would be given a mark of zero, with no mitigation considered.

Therefore, and as this date has just been announced, I write to give you plenty of notice that students need to be available for the potential to sit an exam, up to and including 24th June 2026.

Yours faithfully

Dr. S Henderson
Deputy Headteacher & Head of 6th Form

