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Re: Eid and GCSE Examinations - Important Information

Dear Families,

We hope you've had a happy Half Term break, and would like to thank you for your continued support in ensuring that your child has been successful so far with their exams.

This year, Eid falls on **Friday 6 June**, which coincides with an important day in the GCSE examination calendar. On this day, all students will sit their English GCSE exam, and some students will also sit the Geography GCSE exam.

To support families who wish to attend Eid prayers in the morning, we will be operating a slightly later start time. All students must arrive at school by 9:00 am at the latest, in full school uniform, to be ready for the English exam which will begin shortly afterwards.

If your child is celebrating Eid, they must still attend their exams. These are public examinations, and if a student does not attend, they will receive 0 marks as per JCQ (Joint Council for Qualifications) regulations. We ask for your full support in ensuring your child is present and able to complete their exams successfully.

After the English exam, students who are not sitting the Geography exam will be allowed to go home and continue their Eid celebrations if celebrating.

Students who are sitting the Geography exam will take part in a short revision session before starting the exam earlier than originally scheduled at 1:00pm, so they can finish in good time and return home to celebrate with their families.

We greatly appreciate your understanding and cooperation in balancing the importance of both exam responsibilities and this special religious occasion.

Wishing all who are celebrating a joyful and peaceful Eid.

Yours sincerely,

J Crolla Principal