

# Exams Policy

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## Purpose of the policy

The centre is committed to ensuring that the exams management and administration process is run effectively and efficiently and in compliance with the published JCQ regulations and awarding body requirements.

This exam policy will ensure that:

- all aspects of the centre's exam process is documented, supporting the exams contingency plan, and other relevant exams-related policies, procedures and plans are signposted to
- the workforce is well informed and supported
- all centre staff involved in the exams process clearly understand their roles and responsibilities
- all exams and assessments are conducted according to JCQ and awarding body regulations, guidance and instructions, thus maintaining the integrity and security of the exam/assessment system at all times
- exam candidates understand the exams process and what is expected of them

This policy is reviewed annually to ensure ways of working in the centre are accurately reflected and that exams and assessments are conducted to current JCQ (and awarding body) regulations, instructions and guidance.

This policy will be communicated to all relevant centre staff.

This policy is available to staff and candidates on the school website with a hard copy in the Exam Policies folder in the exams office.

Staff are also notified via their job description and via the Senior Leadership Team in meetings leading up to the exam season.

Candidates are given access to an electronic copy of the Woodlands School Candidate Handbook.

## Roles and responsibilities overview

**The head of centre** is the individual who is accountable to the awarding bodies for ensuring that the centre is always compliant with the published JCQ regulations and awarding body requirements to ensure the security and integrity of the examinations/assessments. This individual must have the authority to deploy the necessary resources to ensure that the centre is always compliant in meeting those published JCQ regulations and awarding body requirements.

Heads of centre must ensure that senior leadership teams and exam office personnel familiarise themselves with the entire contents of JCQ *General Regulations for Approved Centres* booklet. In particular, heads of centre must familiarise themselves with sections 5.1, 5.3 and 5.4.

Heads of centre must ensure that relevant members of staff respond promptly to requests for information from awarding bodies relating to the administration and conducting of examinations/assessments. ([GR](#), section 1)

**The examinations officer** is the person appointed by the head of centre to act on behalf of, and be the main point of contact for, the centre in matters relating to the general administration of awarding body examinations and assessments.

**The headteacher/Principal on site (the head of centre) may not appoint themselves as the examinations officer.** A head of centre and an examinations officer are two distinct and separate roles.

The head of centre and/or examinations officer may operate across more than one centre. In such cases the head of centre must ensure there is suitable senior leadership team support in place, so they can meet their obligations across all centres for which they are responsible. The head of centre

must ensure that these arrangements are covered by their examination contingency plan. ([GR](#), section 2)

### Head of centre responsibilities

The head of centre is the individual who is accountable to the awarding bodies for ensuring that the centre is always compliant with the published JCQ regulations and awarding body requirements to ensure the security and integrity of the examinations/assessments.

**It is the responsibility of the head of centre to ensure that all staff comply with the instructions in the (*Instructions for conducting examinations*) booklet.** Failure to do so may constitute malpractice as defined in the JCQ publication *Suspected Malpractice: Policies and Procedures, 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024*: <https://www.jcq.org.uk/exams-office/malpractice> ([ICE](#) Introduction)

### Head of centre

- Understands the contents, refers to and directs relevant centre staff to annually updated JCQ publications including:
  - [General Regulations for Approved Centres](#) (GR)
  - [Instructions for conducting examinations](#) (ICE)
  - [Access Arrangements and Reasonable Adjustments](#) (AA)
  - [Suspected Malpractice - Policies and Procedures](#) (SM)
  - [Instructions for conducting non-examination assessments](#) (NEA) (and the instructions for conducting coursework)
  - [A guide to the special consideration process](#) (SC)
- Ensures the centre has appropriate accommodation to support the size of the cohorts being taught including appropriate accommodation for candidates requiring access arrangements and/or practical assessments
- Where/if using a third party to deliver any part of a qualification (including its assessments) at the centre:
  - maintains oversight of, and responsibility for, the delivery of the qualification in accordance with JCQ regulations and awarding body requirements
  - has in place a written agreement with the third party to ensure there is a shared understanding of the arrangement and will manage the risk of failure by the third party to deliver the expected service
  - ensures that a copy of the written agreement is available for inspection if requested by the awarding body
- Ensures that relevant members of staff respond promptly to actions raised by the JCQ Centre Inspection Service, understanding that failure to do so could result in penalties (see **National Centre Number Register and other information requirements** section)
- Ensures that the centre promptly reports any incidents to the relevant awarding body/bodies which might compromise any aspect of assessment delivery, such as a cyber-attack
- Ensures other relevant centre staff where they may be involved in the receipt and dispatch of confidential exam materials are briefed on the requirements for maintaining the integrity and confidentiality of the exam materials
- Ensures members of centre staff do not forward emails and letters from awarding body or JCQ personnel without prior consent to third parties or upload such correspondence onto social media sites and applications
- Ensures members of centre staff do not advise parents/candidates to contact awarding bodies/JCQ directly nor provide them with addresses/email addresses of awarding body examining/assessment personnel or JCQ personnel

### Recruitment, selection, training and support

- Retains a workforce of an appropriate size and competence, including sufficient managerial and other resource, to undertake the delivery of the qualification as required by an awarding

body. This includes taking reasonable steps to ensure occupational competence where this is required for the assessment of specific qualifications

- Provides fully qualified teachers to mark non-examination assessments, and/or fully qualified assessors for the verification of centre-assessed components
- Enables the relevant senior leader(s), the examinations officer (EO) and the ALS lead/SENCo to receive appropriate training and support in order to facilitate the effective delivery of examinations and assessments within the centre, and ensure compliance with the published JCQ regulations
- Appoints an ALS lead/SENCo who will determine appropriate arrangements for candidates with learning difficulties and disabilities
- Ensures that the ALS lead/SENCo has sufficient time to both manage the access arrangements process within the centre and familiarise him/herself with the JCQ publication *Access Arrangements and Reasonable Adjustments*
- Ensures that the examinations officer has sufficient time to perform their role and familiarise him/herself with relevant awarding body and JCQ documentation.
- Ensures that the examinations officer is line managed and actively supported by a member of the senior leadership team who has a good working knowledge of the examination system

#### **External and internal governance arrangements**

- Has in place a written escalation process should the head of centre, or a member of the senior leadership team with oversight of examination administration, be absent

#### **Escalation Process**

In the event of Head of Centre absence, with regards to exams, this responsibility would be assigned to Mr Ethan Roberts (Deputy Head).

Mr Ethan Roberts (Deputy Head) and Mrs Emma Jordan (Assistant Head) jointly oversee the exams team and would stand in for each other in the event of absence. If both Senior Leaders were absent, the responsibility would be assigned to the remainder of Senior Leadership Team.

In the event that the Exam officer is absent; Mr Ethan Roberts and Miss Emma Jordan would jointly oversee the running of the exams with support from the two Exam Assistants, Miss Lisa Tricerri and Mrs Sarah Capon.

Further details on the escalation process can be found in the “Escalation Process Policy” which can be found on the school website on a hard copy on file in the exams office.

- Has in place a member of the senior leadership team who will provide effective support and supervision of the examinations officer to ensure that the integrity and security of examinations and assessments is maintained throughout an examination series
- Ensures centre staff undertake key tasks within the exams process and meet internal deadlines set by the EO
- Can confirm to an awarding body the external governance arrangements so that the awarding body has confidence in the integrity of centre activities such as the delivery of qualifications and the conducting of examinations and assessments
- Makes sure that a teacher, a teaching assistant, a tutor or a senior member of centre staff who teaches the subject being examined or a Learning Support Assistant who has supported one or more candidates, is not an invigilator during the examination

#### **Delivery of qualifications**

- Delivers qualifications, as required by the awarding body, in accordance with relevant equality legislation. This includes but is not limited to ensuring that qualifications are made



available to all candidates capable of undertaking them and seeking reasonable adjustments for disabled candidates

- Enables candidates to receive sufficient and up to date laboratory experience, or relevant training where required by the subject concerned

#### **Public liability**

- Complies with local health and safety rules which are in place and that the centre is adequately covered for public liability claims

#### **Security of assessment materials**

- Takes all reasonable steps to maintain the integrity of the examinations/assessments, including the security of all assessment materials, by ensuring:
  - the location of the centre's secure storage facility in a secure room which must only be used for the purpose of administering secure examination materials
  - the secure room only contains exam-related material
  - there are between two and six keyholders only, each keyholder must fully understand their responsibilities as a key holder to the secure storage facility
  - access to the secure room and secure storage facility is restricted to the authorised two to six keyholders (the exams officer must be one of the keyholders) and staff approved by the head of centre are accompanied by a keyholder at all times
  - appropriate arrangements are in place to ensure that confidential examination materials are only handed over to authorised members of centre staff
  - appropriate arrangements are in place for handling secure electronic materials
  - the relevant awarding body is immediately informed if the security of question papers or confidential supporting instructions is put at risk
  - that when it is permitted to remove question paper packets from secure storage, and to avoid potential breaches of security, arrangements are in place to carefully check and record that the correct question paper packets are opened  
(If it is ever subsequently identified following this check that the wrong question paper packet has been opened, it will be resealed and the incident reported to the relevant awarding body's Malpractice Investigation Team immediately)
- Makes arrangements to receive, check and store question papers and examination material safely and securely at all times and for as long as required in accordance with the current JCQ publication *Instructions for conducting examinations*
- Makes arrangements to receive and issue material received from the awarding bodies to staff and candidates, and notify them of any advice and instructions relevant to the examinations and assessments
- Allows candidates access to relevant pre-release materials on, or as soon as possible after, the date specified by the awarding bodies

#### **Malpractice**

- Through taking an ethical approach and working proactively to avoid malpractice among students and staff takes all reasonable steps to prevent the occurrence of any malpractice/maladministration before, during and after assessments have taken place
- Ensures any person involved in administering, teaching or completing examinations/assessments is advised that where malpractice is suspected, or alleged, personal data about them will be provided to the awarding body (or bodies) whose examinations/assessments are involved. Personal data about them may also be shared with other awarding bodies, the qualifications regulator or professional bodies in accordance with the JCQ publication *Suspected Malpractice – Policies and Procedures*
- Ensures irregularities are investigated and informs the awarding bodies immediately of any alleged, suspected or actual incidents of malpractice or maladministration, involving a candidate or a member of staff, by completing the appropriate documentation

- As required by an awarding body, ensures evidence of any instances of alleged or suspected malpractice (which includes maladministration) is gathered in accordance with the JCQ publication *Suspected Malpractice - Policies and Procedures* and provides such information and advice as the awarding body may reasonably require

## **Policies/procedures**

### **Malpractice Policy (Exams)**

The Exam officer is responsible for ensuring that any accounts of malpractice that have taken place before, during or after any exam or assessment is reported, without delay, to the relevant board.

This policy is available to staff and candidates on the school website with a hard copy in the Exam Policies folder in the exams office.

- Ensures risks to the exam process are assessed and appropriate risk management processes/contingency plans are in place (that allow the senior leadership team to act immediately in the event of an emergency or where the head of centre, the examinations officer or SENCo is absent at a critical stage of the examination cycle)

The examination contingency plan should reinforce procedures in the event of the centre being unavailable for examinations owing to an unforeseen emergency.

All relevant centre staff must be familiar with the examination contingency plan.

Consideration should be given as to how these arrangements will be communicated to candidates, parents and staff should disruption to examinations occur.

### **Exam Contingency Plan**

Please refer to the Exam Contingency Plan Procedure document which can be found on the Woodlands School website, or alternatively a hard copy in the exam office.

### **Lockdown Policy (Exams)**

Please refer to the Lockdown Policy document which can be found on the Woodlands School website, or alternatively a hard copy in the exam office.

- Ensures an internal appeals procedure is in place and drawn to the attention of candidates and (where relevant) their parents/carers

### **Internal Appeals Procedure**

Please refer to the Internal Appeals Procedure document which can be found on the Woodlands School website, or alternatively a hard copy in the exam office.

- Ensures the centre's equalities policy demonstrating the centre's compliance with relevant legislation is in place and details the processes followed in respect of identifying the need for, requesting and implementing access arrangements

### **Equalities Policy**

Please refer to the Equalities Policy document which can be found on the Woodlands School website, or alternatively a hard copy in the exam office.

- Ensures a complaints policy covering general complaints regarding the centre's delivery or administration of a qualification is in place and drawn to the attention of candidates and their parents/carers

### **Complaints Policy (Exams)**

Please refer to the Complaints Policy document which can be found on the Woodlands School website, or alternatively a hard copy in the exam office.

- Ensures the centre has a child protection/safeguarding policy in place, including Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) clearance, which satisfies current legislative requirements

### **Child Protection/Safeguarding Policy (Exams)**

Please refer to the Child Protection/safeguarding document which can be found on the Woodlands School website, or alternatively a hard copy in the exam office.

- Ensures the centre has a data protection policy in place that complies with General Data Protection Regulation and Data Protection Act 2018 regulations

### **Data Protection Policy (Exams)**

Please refer to the Internal Data Protection document which can be found on the Woodlands School website, or alternatively a hard copy in the exam office.

- Ensures the centre has a whistleblowing policy in place

### **Whistleblowing Policy (Exams)**

Please refer to the Whistleblowing Policy document which can be found on the Woodlands School website, or alternatively a hard copy in the exam office.

- Ensures the centre has documented processes in place relating to access arrangements and reasonable adjustments

### **Access Arrangements Policy**

Please refer to the Access Arrangement Policy document which can be found on the Woodlands School website, or alternatively a hard copy in the exam office.

### **Conflicts of interest**

- Ensures the relevant awarding bodies are informed before the published deadline for entries for each examination series of any potential conflict of interest where:

- a member of centre staff is taking a qualification at the centre which includes internally assessed components/units (noting that being entered by the centre must be as a last resort where unable to find an alternative centre)
- a candidate is being taught and prepared for a qualification which includes internally assessed components/units by a member of centre staff with a close relationship to the candidate
- Maintains clear records that confirm the measures taken/protocols in place to mitigate any potential risk to the integrity of the qualifications affected by the above, and where:
  - a member of exams office staff has a close relationship to a candidate being entered for exams and assessments at the centre or at another centre
  - a member of centre staff is taking a qualification at the centre which does not include internally assessed components/units (noting that being entered by the centre must be as a last resort where unable to find an alternative centre)
  - a member of centre staff is taking a qualification at another centre

#### **Conflicts of Interest Policy (Exams)**

For the Academic Year 2023-2024, conflict of interest forms will be distributed to all school staff to identify any conflict of interest relating to staff, candidates and exams.

In the event there is a conflict of interest, the exams officer will notify the Head of Centre and inform the awarding body with details of how this conflict of interest is being handled by the centre.

This will be actioned inline with examboard deadlines.

#### **National Centre Number Register and other information requirements**

- Provides contact details and an address to which all correspondence in connection with the administration of examinations and assessments can be directed which must be the registered address of the centre
- Ensures the National Centre Number Register annual update is responded to by the end of October every year
- Takes responsibility for confirming, on an annual basis, that they are both aware of and adhering to the latest version of the JCQ's regulations. This confirmation is managed as part of the National Centre Number Register (NCNR) annual update by completion of the Head of Centre Declaration
- Understands that this responsibility cannot be delegated to a member of the senior leadership team or the examinations officer, and acknowledges that failure to respond to the NCNR annual update, and/or the head of centre's declaration, will result in:
  - the centre status being suspended
  - the centre not being able to submit examination entries
  - the centre not receiving or being able to access question papers
 and ultimately, awarding bodies could withdraw their approval of the centre

#### **Centre inspections**

- Co-operates with the JCQ Centre Inspection Service, an awarding body or a regulatory authority when subject to an inspection, an investigation or an unannounced visit, and takes all reasonable steps to comply with all requests for information or documentation made by an awarding body or regulatory authority as soon as is practical
- Allows all venues used for examinations and assessments, paperwork and secure storage facilities to be open to inspection
- Understands the JCQ Centre Inspector will identify him/herself with a photo ID card and **must** be accompanied throughout his/her tour of the premises, including inspection of the centre's secure storage facility

## Exams officer

- Understands the contents of annually updated JCQ publications including:
  - [General Regulations for Approved Centres](#)
  - [Instructions for conducting examinations](#)
  - [Suspected Malpractice - Policies and Procedures](#)
  - [Post-Results Services](#) (PRS)
  - [A guide to the special consideration process](#)
- Completes/submits the National Centre Number Register annual update (administered on behalf of the JCQ member awarding bodies by OCR <https://ocr.org.uk/administration/ncn-annual-update/>) by the end of October **every** year
  - Confirms the details or informs the awarding bodies of any changes to the centre's contact details through the National Centre Number Register
  - Informs the National Centre Number Register Team **immediately** (e-mail address – [ncn@ocr.org.uk](mailto:ncn@ocr.org.uk)) if any changes occur after the National Centre Number Register annual update has taken place.
  - (Where it may be applicable) Informs the National Centre Number Register Team no later than 6 weeks prior to moving to a new address or a re-location of the secure storage facility.
  - Informs the National Centre Number Register Team immediately of any other changes in circumstances that could affect the centre's status.
- Is familiar with the contents of annually updated information from awarding bodies on administrative procedures, key tasks, key dates and deadlines.
- Ensures key tasks are undertaken and key dates and deadlines met.
- Recruits, trains and deploys a team of internal/external invigilators; appoints lead invigilators, as required and keeps a record of the content of training provided to invigilators for the required period.
- Works with the ALS lead/SENCo to ensure invigilators supervising access arrangement candidates and those acting as a facilitator supporting access arrangement candidates fully understand the respective role and what is and what is not permissible in the exam room.
- Supports the head of centre in ensuring that awarding bodies are informed (where required) of any conflict of interest declared by members of centre staff and in maintaining records that confirm the measures taken/protocols in place to mitigate any potential risk to the integrity of the qualifications affected before the published deadline for entries for each examination series.
- Briefs other relevant centre staff where they may be involved in the receipt and dispatch of confidential exam materials on the requirements for maintaining the integrity and confidentiality of the exam materials.

## Senior leaders

- Are familiar with the contents, refer to and direct relevant centre staff to annually updated JCQ publications including:
  - [General Regulations for Approved Centres](#)
  - [Instructions for conducting examinations](#)
  - [Access Arrangements and Reasonable Adjustments](#)
  - [Suspected Malpractice - Policies and Procedures](#)
  - [Instructions for conducting non-examination assessments](#) (and the instructions for conducting coursework)
  - [A guide to the special consideration process](#)
- Ensure teaching staff undertake key tasks, as detailed in this policy, within the exams process (exam cycle) and meet internal deadlines set by the EO and ALS lead/SENCo.
- Ensure teaching staff keep themselves updated with awarding body subject and teacher-specific information to confirm effective delivery of qualifications.
- Ensure teaching staff attend relevant awarding body training and update events.

### **Additional Learning Support (ALS) lead/Special educational needs co-ordinator (SENCo)**

- Understands the contents, refers to and directs relevant centre staff to annually updated JCQ publications including:
  - [Access Arrangements and Reasonable Adjustments](#)
- Leads on the access arrangements and reasonable adjustments process (referred to in this policy as 'access arrangements')
- If not the qualified access arrangements assessor, works with the person appointed, on all matters relating to assessing candidates and ensures the correct procedures are followed.
- Presents when requested by a JCQ Centre Inspector, evidence of the assessor's qualification.

### **Teaching staff**

- Undertake key tasks, as detailed in this policy, within the exams process and meet internal deadlines set by the EO and ALS lead/SENCo.
- Keep updated with awarding body subject and teacher-specific information to confirm effective delivery of qualifications.
- Attend relevant awarding body training and update events.

### **Invigilators**

- Attend/undertake training (on the current regulations), update, briefing and review sessions as required.
- Provide information as requested on their availability to invigilate.
- Sign a confidentiality and security agreement and confirm whether they have any current maladministration/malpractice sanctions applied to them.

### **Reception staff**

- Support the EO in the receipt and dispatch of confidential exam materials and follow the requirements for maintaining the integrity and confidentiality of the exam materials.

### **Site staff**

- Support the EO in relevant matters relating to exam rooms and resources.

### **Candidates**

Where applicable in this policy, the term 'candidates' refers to candidates and/or their parents/carers.

### **The exam cycle**

The exams management and administration process that needs to be undertaken for each **exam series** is often referred to as the **exam cycle** and relevant tasks required within this grouped into the following stages:

- planning
- entries
- pre-exams
- exam time
- results and post-results

This policy identifies roles and responsibilities of centre staff within this cycle.

### **Planning: roles and responsibilities**

#### Information sharing

## Head of centre

- Directs relevant centre staff to annually updated JCQ publications including [GR](#), [ICE](#), [AA](#), [SM](#), [NEA](#) (and the *Instructions for conducting coursework*) and [SC](#)

## Exams officer

- Signposts relevant centre staff to JCQ publications and awarding body documentation relating to the exams process that have been updated.
- Signposts relevant centre staff to JCQ information that should be provided to candidates.
- As the centre administrator, approves relevant access rights for centre staff to access awarding body secure extranet sites.

## Information gathering

### Exams officer

- Undertakes an annual information gathering exercise in preparation for each new academic year to ensure data about all qualifications being delivered is up to date and correct.
- Collates all information gathered into one central point of reference.
- Researches awarding body guidance to identify administrative processes, key tasks, key dates and deadlines for all relevant qualifications
- Produces an annual exams plan of key tasks and key dates to ensure all external deadlines can be effectively met; informs key centre staff of internal deadlines.
- Collects information on internal exams to enable preparation for and conduct of all internal exam elements.

### Senior leaders

- Respond (or ensure teaching staff respond) to requests from the EO on information gathering.
- Meet the internal deadline for the return of information.
- Inform the EO of any changes to information in a timely manner minimising the risk of late or other penalty fees being incurred by an awarding body.
- Note the internal deadlines in the annual exams plan and directs teaching staff to meet these.

## Access arrangements

### Head of centre

- Ensures there is appropriate accommodation for candidates requiring access arrangements in the centre for all examinations and assessments.
- Ensures a written process is in place to not only check the qualification(s) of the appointed assessor(s) but that the correct procedures are followed as in Chapter 7 of the JCQ publication [Access Arrangements and Reasonable Adjustments](#).
- Ensures the ALS lead/SENCo is fully supported in effectively implementing access arrangements and reasonable adjustments once approved.

### ALS lead/SENCo

- Assesses candidates (or works with the appropriately qualified assessor as appointed by the head of centre) to identify access arrangements/reasonable adjustments requirements.
- Gathers **evidence** to support the need for access arrangements for a candidate.
- Liaises with teaching staff to gather evidence of **normal way of working** of an affected candidate.
- Determines candidate eligibility for arrangements or adjustments that are centre-delegated.
- Gathers signed **Personal data consent** forms from candidates where required and ensures **Data protection confirmation(s)** by the examinations officer or SENCo are completed.

- Applies for **approval** through **Access arrangements online** (AAO) via the **Centre Admin Portal** (CAP), where required or through the awarding body where qualifications sit outside the scope of AAO.
- Keeps a file for each candidate for JCQ inspection purposes containing all the required documentation (if documentation is stored electronically, an e-folder must be created for each individual candidate. The candidate's e-folder must hold each of the required documents for inspection)
- Employs good practice in relation to the Equality Act 2010.
- Liaises with the EO regarding exam time arrangements for access arrangement candidates.
- Ensures staff appointed to facilitate access arrangements for candidates are thoroughly trained and understand the rules of the particular arrangement(s) and keeps a record of the content of training provided to facilitators for the required period.
- Works with the EO to ensure invigilators and those acting as a facilitator fully understand the respective role and what is and what is not permissible in the exam room.
- Liaises with the relevant member of the senior leadership team on the centre's policy on the use of word processors in examinations.

#### **Word Processor Policy (Exams)**

Please refer to the Word Processor Policy document which can be found on the Woodlands School website, or alternatively a hard copy in the exam office.

- Ensures criteria for candidates granted alternative rooming arrangements is clear, meets JCQ regulations and best meets the needs of individual candidates and remaining candidates in main exam rooms

#### **Alternative Rooming Arrangements Policy (Exams)**

Alternative rooming arrangements may be granted where a candidate has an established difficulty.

*"Alternative rooming arrangements must reflect the candidates normal and current way of working..."*

*"Nervousness, low level anxiety or being worried about examinations **is not** sufficient grounds for separate invigilation within the centre."*

**<https://www.jcq.org.uk/exams-office/access-arrangements-and-special-consideration/regulations-and-guidance/>**

This policy outlines how Woodlands School will manage alternative rooming arrangements within the centre.

#### **Alternative Rooming Arrangements within the centre**

- A candidate may only take their examination in alternative rooms within the centre where he/she has an established difficulty – see section 5.16 of the JCQ publication Access Arrangements and Reasonable Adjustments (ICE 14)

#### **SENCo**

The SENCo **must** make their decision based on:

- Whether the candidate has **a substantial and long term Impairment** which has **an adverse effect: and**



- **is the candidate's normal way of working**

For example, in the case of alternative rooming, the candidate's difficulties are established within the centre (see chapter 4, paragraph 4.1.4, Page 16) and known to a Form Tutor, a Head of Year, the SENCo or a senior member of staff with pastoral responsibilities.

Alternative rooming reflects the candidate's normal way of working in internal school tests and mock examinations as a consequence of a long term medical condition or long term social, mental or emotional needs (AA 5.16)

If a candidate is granted alternative rooming within the centre, they must have an invigilator with them at all times, this invigilator may carry a mobile phone in order to get help easily without leaving the room or disturbing the candidate, the mobile phone must be kept on silent mode.

The SENDCo will review any supporting evidence and liaise with the Exam officer regarding candidates suitability to alternative rooming.

Where a pupil has been taken unwell, it may be more suitable for that pupil to sit in their own room as their illness may cause a distraction to others and they may be entitled to emergency access arrangements. Refer to [AA](#) (sections 4.2.1, 5.16) and [ICE](#) (section 14.18)

### Senior leaders, Teaching staff

- Support the ALS lead/SENCo in determining and implementing appropriate access arrangements/reasonable adjustments
- Produce a word processor policy, specific to the centre, which details the criteria the centre uses to award and allocate word processors for examinations

### Internal assessment and endorsements

#### Head of centre

##### **Controlled assessments, coursework and non-examination assessments**

- Ensures appropriate controls are in place which allow accurate data to be submitted to the awarding bodies, e.g. internally assessed marks.
- Ensures arrangements are in place to co-ordinate and standardise all marking of centre-assessed components and ensures that candidates' centre-assessed work is produced, authenticated and marked, or assessed and quality assured in accordance with the awarding bodies' instructions (including where relevant, private candidates).
- Ensures that teaching staff, in accordance with awarding bodies' instructions, return all subject-specific forms by the required date.
- Provides fully qualified teachers to mark non-examination assessments, and/or fully qualified assessors for the verification of centre-assessed components.
- Ensures an **internal appeals procedure** relating to internal assessment decisions is in place for a candidate to appeal against and request a review of the centre's marking (see Roles and responsibilities overview).
- Ensures a **non-examination assessment policy** is in place for GCE and GCSE qualifications which include components of non-examination assessment (For CCEA GCSE centres this would be a controlled assessment policy).

##### **Non-examination Assessment Policy**

Please refer to the Non-Examination Assessment policy for further details which can be found on the Woodlands School website or alternatively in the policies folder in the exams office.

- Ensures any irregularities relating to the production of work by candidates are investigated and dealt with internally if discovered prior to a candidate signing the authentication statement (where required) or reported to the awarding body if a candidate has signed the authentication statement

#### **Senior leaders**

- Ensure teaching staff have the necessary and appropriate knowledge, understanding, skills, and training to set tasks, conduct task taking, and to assess, mark and authenticate candidates' work (including where relevant, private candidates)
- Ensure appropriate internal moderation, standardisation and verification processes are in place
- Ensure teaching staff delivering AQA Applied General qualifications, OCR Cambridge Nationals, Entry Level Certificate or Project qualifications (and CCEA GCE unitised AS and A-level qualifications) follow JCQ [Instructions for conducting coursework](#) and the specification provided by the awarding body
- Ensure teaching staff delivering reformed GCE & GCSE specifications (which include components of non-examination assessment) follow JCQ [Instructions for conducting non-examination assessments](#) and the specification provided by the awarding body
- For other qualifications, ensure teaching staff follow appropriate instructions issued by the awarding body
- Ensure teaching staff inform candidates of their centre assessed marks as a candidate may request a review of the centre's marking before marks are submitted to the awarding body

#### **Teaching staff**

- Ensure appropriate instructions for conducting internal assessment are followed
- Ensure candidates are aware of JCQ and awarding body information for candidates on producing work that is internally assessed (coursework, non-examination assessments, social media) prior to assessments taking place
- Ensure candidates are informed of their centre assessed marks as a candidate may request a review of the centre's marking before marks are submitted to the awarding body

#### **Exams officer**

- Identifies relevant key dates and administrative processes that need to be followed in relation to internal assessment.
- Signposts teaching staff to relevant JCQ [Information for candidates documents](#) that are annually updated.

#### Invigilation

##### **Head of centre**

- Ensures relevant support is provided to the EO in recruiting, training and deploying a team of invigilators.
- Ensures, if contracting supply staff to act as invigilators, that such persons are competent and fully trained, understanding what is and what is not permissible (and not taking on its own an assurance from a recruitment agency, that this is the case).
- Determines if additional invigilators will be deployed in timed Art exams in addition to the subject teacher to ensure the supervision of candidates is maintained at all times.

##### **Exams officer**

- Recruits additional invigilators where required to effectively cover all exam periods/series' throughout the academic year.
- Collects information on new recruits to identify if they have invigilated previously and if any current maladministration/malpractice sanctions are applied to them.

- Provides thorough training for new invigilators on the current instructions for conducting examinations and an update for the existing invigilation team so that they are aware of any changes in a new academic year before they are allocated to invigilate an exam.
- Ensures invigilators supervising access arrangement candidates understand their role (and the role of a facilitator who may be supporting a candidate) and the rules and regulations of the access arrangement(s).
- Ensures invigilators are briefed on the access arrangement candidates in their exam room and made aware of the access arrangement(s) awarded (ensuring these candidates are identified on the seating plan) and confirms invigilators understand what is and what is not permissible.
- Collects evaluation of training to inform future events.

## **Entries: roles and responsibilities**

### Estimated entries

#### **Exams officer**

- Requests estimated or early entry information, where this may be required by awarding bodies, from HoDs in a timely manner to ensure awarding body external deadlines for submission can be met

#### **Estimated entries collection and submission procedure**

Estimated Entries are taken from class lists at the beginning of the academic year.  
Estimated entries are made online via the exam board website.

- Makes candidates aware of the JCQ **Information for candidates – Privacy Notice** at the start of a course leading to a vocational qualification or when entries are submitted to awarding bodies for processing for general qualifications.

#### **Senior leaders**

- Provide entry information requested by the EO to the internal deadline.
- Inform the EO immediately of any subsequent changes to entry information.

### Final entries

#### **Head of centre**

- Ensures appropriate controls are in place which allow accurate data to be submitted to the awarding bodies, e.g. entries.

#### **Exams officer**

- Requests final entry information from HoDs in a timely manner to ensure awarding body external deadlines for submission can be met.
- Informs HoDs of subsequent deadlines for making changes to final entry information without charge.
- Confirms with HoDs final entry information that has been submitted to awarding bodies.
- Ensures as far as possible that entry processes minimise the risk of entries or registrations being missed reducing the potential for late or other penalty fees being charged by awarding bodies.
- Observes each awarding body's terms and conditions for the entry and withdrawal of candidates for their examinations and assessments, and observes any regulatory requirements for the qualification.

### **Final entries collection and submission procedure**

HoDs are provided with pupil lists for their subjects to determine which pupils are to be entered and for which tier (where applicable). These are sent out in December and requested to be returned to the exams team in January to ensure submissions are made by 21<sup>st</sup> February.

Pupils are also sent a timetable of their entries to check and ensure that they have all of the correct entries. Confirmation of this is collected from the pupils via a reply slip.

Once entries have been made on the school MIS, entry list are sent back to HoDs for final checking before sending entry EDI files.

### **Senior leaders**

- Provide information requested by the EO to the internal deadline
- Inform the EO immediately, or at the very least prior to the deadlines, of any subsequent changes to final entry information, which includes
  - changes to candidate personal details
  - amendments to existing entries
  - withdrawals of existing entries
- Check final entry submission information provided by the EO and confirms information is correct

### **Entry fees**

The head of centre and the Exam's Officer manage the exam budget annually, taking into consideration cohort growth and the cost of running the qualifications on offer. Entry fees are charged to the exams budget, late fees are charged to the subject budget. These entries are in line with the school curriculum, any additional exams requested by the individual may also be charged to them.

For private entries, the external candidate is charged for their entry. The private candidate is asked to reference "exams" on their payment to the school and this is then credited to the exams budget.

All debts and credits are printed by the finance team and signed off by the budget holder.

### **Late entries**

#### **Exams officer**

- Has clear entry procedures in place to minimise the risk of late entries.
- Charges any late or other penalty fees to departmental budgets.

#### **Senior leaders**

- Minimise the risk of late entries by
  - following procedures identified by the EO in relation to making final entries on time.
  - meeting internal deadlines identified by the EO for making final entries.

### **Re-sit entries**

When an enquiry for re-sits has been submitted, it is discussed with the Head of Centre as to whether the request can be accommodated. Candidate details are recorded (written or sent via email) and these are then used to submit an entry.

Re-sit candidates are charged the cost of the exam as outlined above and any additional incurred costs such as invigilation fees.

### **Private candidates**

Due to general school logistics, private candidate requests will be reviewed and decided by the head of centre.

#### **Private Candidates Policy**

- Private candidates requesting to sit a paper at Woodlands School will need to make a formal request to the Head of Centre.
- Each request will be reviewed and decided upon by the Head of Centre according to general school logistics.

### **Candidate statements of entry**

#### **Exams officer**

- Provides candidates with statements of entry for checking.

#### **Teaching staff**

- Ensure candidates check statements of entry and return any relevant confirmation required to the EO.

#### **Candidates**

- Confirm entry information is correct or notify the EO of any discrepancies.

### **Pre-exams: roles and responsibilities**

### **Access arrangements and reasonable adjustments**

#### **ALS lead/SENCo**

- Ensures appropriate arrangements, adjustments and adaptations are in place to facilitate access to exams/assessments for candidates where they are disabled within the meaning of the Equality Act (unless a temporary emergency arrangement is required at the time of an exam).
- Ensures a candidate is involved in any decisions about arrangements, adjustments and /or adaptations that may be put in place for him/her.
- Ensures exam information (JCQ information for candidates documents, individual exam timetable etc.) is adapted where this may be required for a disabled candidate to access it.
- Allocates appropriately trained centre staff to facilitate access arrangements for candidates in exams and assessments (ensuring that the facilitator appointed meets JCQ requirements and fully understands the rule of the access arrangement).
- Where relevant, ensures the necessary and appropriate steps are undertaken to gather an appropriate picture of need and demonstrate normal way of working for a private candidate (including distance learners and home educated candidates) and that the candidate is assessed by the centre's appointed assessor.

### **Briefing candidates**

#### **Exams officer**

- Issues individual exam timetable information to candidates and informs candidates of any designated contingency sessions awarding bodies may identify in the event of national or significant local disruption to exams.
- Prior to exams issues relevant JCQ information for candidates documents.
- Where relevant, issues relevant awarding body information to candidates.
- Issues centre exam information to candidates including information on:

- exam timetable clashes
- arriving late for an exam
- absence or illness during exams
- what equipment is/is not provided by the centre
- food and drink in exam rooms
- unauthorised items in exam rooms
- when and how results will be issued and the staff that will be available
- post-results services information and how the centre will deal with requests from candidates
- when and how certificates will be issued

## **Access to Scripts, Reviews of Results and Appeals Procedures**

### **Introduction**

Following the issue of results, awarding bodies make post-results services available. The JCQ post-results services currently available are detailed below

#### Access to Scripts (ATS):

- Copies of scripts to support reviews of marking
- Copies of scripts to support teaching and learning

#### Reviews of Results (RoRs):

Service 1 (Clerical re-check) - This is the only service that can be requested for objective tests (multiple choice tests)

- Service 2 (Review of marking) Priority Service 2 (Review of marking) - This service is only available for externally assessed components of GCE A-level specifications (an individual awarding body may also offer this priority service for other qualifications)
- Service 3 (Review of moderation) - This service is not available to an individual candidate

#### Appeals:

- The appeals process is available after receiving the outcome of a review of results

### **Purpose of the procedures**

The purpose of these procedures is to confirm how Woodlands School deals with candidates' requests for access to scripts, clerical re-checks, reviews of marking, reviews of moderation and appeals to the awarding bodies in compliance with JCQ regulations (GR 5.13).

Details of these procedures are made widely available and accessible to all candidates by via the exams policy which is available on the school website. This information is also circulated using the candidate handbook and will be reminded to candidates after the exams have taken place but prior to results day.

The arrangements for post-results services

Candidates must be made aware of the arrangements for post-results services prior to the issue of results (GR 5.13)

- A review of moderation cannot be undertaken upon the work of an individual candidate or the work of candidates not in the original sample (PRS 4.3)
- The appeals process is available after receiving the outcome of a review of results (PRS 5.1)

At Woodlands School:

- Candidates are made aware of the arrangements for post-results services prior to the issue of results

Candidates are also informed of the periods during which senior members of centre staff will be available/accessible immediately after the publication of results so that results may be discussed, and decisions made on the submission of reviews of marking (GR 5.13, PRS 4.1)

- Candidates are made aware/informed by

Full details of the post-results services, internal deadline(s) for requesting a service and the fees charged (where applicable) are provided by Miss Jordan and this will be circulated via a letter to parents towards the end of the academic year. This will be done at the end of the academic year before results day

### **Dealing with requests**

- All post-results service requests from internal candidates must be made through the centre (GR 5.13)

At Woodlands School the process to request a service is Any service requests will need to be made in writing to Mr Roberts and Miss Jordan for processing. Mr Roberts and Miss Jordan will work with the exam officer to collate any necessary costs and will inform the candidate of the total. Once payment has been received then service request will be processed.

### **Candidate consent**

Candidates must provide their written consent for clerical re-checks, reviews of marking and access to scripts services offered by the awarding bodies after the publication of examination results (GR 5.13) •

Woodlands School will:

Acquire written candidate consent (accepting informed consent via candidate email) in all cases before a request for a clerical re-check, a review of marking or an access to scripts service is submitted to the awarding body

- Acquire informed candidate consent to confirm the candidate understands that the final subject grade and/or mark awarded following a clerical re-check or a review of marking, and any subsequent appeal, may be lower than, higher than, or the same as the result which was originally awarded

- Only collect candidate consent after the publication of results

Retain consent forms or e-mails from candidates for at least six months following the outcome of a clerical re-check or review of marking or any subsequent appeal (PRS 4.2)

- Retain consent/permission forms or e-mails from candidates to request and use their scripts for at least six months (PRS 6.2)

### **Submitting requests**

Woodlands School will:

Submit requests electronically for clerical re-checks, reviews of marking, reviews of moderation and access to scripts by the published deadline(s) in accordance with the JCQ publication Post-results services (GR 5.13)

- Submit requests for appeals in accordance with the JCQ publication A guide to the awarding bodies' appeals processes (GR 5.13)
- Confirm the awarding body's acknowledgement of receipt of a review of results request prior to the deadline for submission of post-results services and regularly check the progress of the request online (PRS 4.5)

### **Dealing with outcomes**

Woodlands School will:

- Ensure outcomes of clerical re-checks, reviews of marking, reviews of moderation and appeals are made known to candidates as soon as possible (GR 5.13)

Candidates will be notified by Once the outcome has been received the school will phone to inform of result and will post a paper copy later that day.

### **Managing disputes**

At Woodlands School any dispute/disagreement will be managed Any disputes will be managed in line with the internal appeals and complaints policy procedures.

### Dispatch of exam scripts

#### **Exams officer**

- Identifies and confirms arrangements for the dispatch of candidate exam scripts with the DfE (STA) 'yellow label service' or the awarding body where qualifications sit outside the scope of the service

### Estimated grades

#### **Senior leaders**

- Ensure teaching staff provide estimated grade information to the EO by the internal deadline (where this still may be required by the awarding body)

#### **Exams officer**

- Submits estimated grade information to awarding bodies to meet the external deadline (where this may still be required by the awarding body)
- Keeps a record to track what has been sent

### Internal assessment and endorsements

#### **Head of centre**

- Ensures procedures are in place for candidates to appeal internal assessment decisions and make requests for reviews of marking

#### **ALS lead/SENCo**

- Liaises with teaching staff to implement appropriate access arrangements for candidates undertaking internal assessments and practical endorsements

#### **Teaching staff**

- Support the ALS lead/SENCo in implementing appropriate access arrangements for candidates undertaking internal assessments and practical endorsements
- Assess and authenticate candidates' work
- Assess endorsed components



- Ensure candidates are informed of centre assessed marks prior to marks being submitted to awarding bodies

#### **Senior leaders**

- Ensure teaching staff assess and authenticate candidates' work to the awarding body requirements
- Ensure teaching staff assess endorsed components according to awarding body requirements
- Ensure teaching staff provide marks for internally assessed components and grades for endorsements of qualifications to the EO to the internal deadline
- Ensure teaching staff provide required samples of work for moderation and sample recordings for monitoring to the EO to the internal deadline

#### **Exams officer**

- Submits marks, endorsement grades and samples to awarding bodies/moderators/monitors to meet the external deadline
- Keeps a record to track what has been sent
- Logs moderated samples returned to the centre
- Ensures teaching staff are aware of the requirements in terms of retention and subsequent disposal of candidates' work

#### **Candidates**

- Authenticate their work as required by the awarding body

#### Invigilation

#### **Exams officer**

- Provides an annually reviewed/updated invigilator handbook to invigilators, trains new invigilators on the current regulations on appointment and updates experienced invigilators on any regulation changes and any changes to centre-specific processes
- Deploys invigilators effectively to exam rooms throughout an exam series (including the provision of a roving invigilator where a candidate and invigilator (acting as a practical assistant, reader or scribe) are accommodated on a 1:1 basis to enter the room at regular intervals in order to observe the conducting of the exam, ensure all relevant rules are being adhered to and to support the practical assistant/reader and/or scribe in maintaining the integrity of the exam)
- Allocates invigilators to exam rooms (or where supervising candidates due to a timetable clash) according to the required ratios
- Liaises with the ALS lead/SENCo regarding the facilitation and invigilation of access arrangement candidates

#### **ALS lead/SENCo**

- Liaises with the EO regarding facilitation and invigilation of access arrangement candidates

#### **Invigilators**

- Provide information as requested on their availability to invigilate throughout an exam series

#### JCQ Centre Inspections

#### **Exams officer or Senior leader**

- Will accompany the Inspector throughout a visit

#### **ALS lead/SENCo or relevant Senior leader (in the absence of the ALS lead/SENCo)**

- Will meet with the inspector when requested to provide documentary evidence regarding access arrangement candidates and address any questions the inspector may raise
- Ensures that information is readily available for inspection at the venue where the candidate is taking the exam(s)

## Seating and identifying candidates in exam rooms

### **Exams officer**

- Ensures a procedure is in place to verify the identity of all candidates

#### **Candidate Identification Procedure**

The centre will:

- Verify the identity of all pupils who have been entered for examinations or assessments. The centre must be satisfied that all candidate identities have been checked, whether as part of the initial registration process or in the case of private candidates, through a verification process which involves photo ID (GR 5.6)
- Have in place, written procedures to verify the identity of all candidates at the time of the examination or assessment (GR 5.9)

Initial checks are carried out by HoDs/HoFs during warm up sessions.

The SLT are present outside the exam rooms to assist with identifying pupils as they enter.

The attendance team and exams team are present for all exams and are responsible for taking registers. This has been authorised by the head of centre. All internal candidates also have a photo exam card on their desk. An additional follow up register is taken for a fire register.

The exam officer is also present in the exam room to assist with pupil identification as is a member of the SLT or raising standards team who are authorised by the head of centre and not responsible for or involved in the teaching of the subject being examined at that time.

A private/external candidate or a transferred candidate who is not known to the centre must show photographic documentary evidence to prove that he/she is the same person who is entered/registered for the examination/assessment (e.g. passport or photographic driving licence).

Where it is impossible to identify a candidate due to the wearing of religious clothing, such as a veil, the candidate will be politely asked to remove the item of clothing for identification purposes. The staff member will be of the same gender if requested by the candidate. Once identification has been established, the candidate will be able to replace the item and proceed as normal to sit the examination. Private candidates are informed of this procedure in advance of the first exam.

Invigilators must establish the identity of all candidates sitting examinations.

Candidates with access arrangements are noted on the seating plans for the invigilators information.

Invigilators will be made aware of the access arrangement(s) awarded (ICE 16)

- Ensures invigilators are aware of the procedure
- Provides seating plans for exam rooms according to JCQ and awarding body requirements (and ensures candidates with access arrangements are identified on the seating plan and invigilators are informed of those candidates with access arrangements and made aware of the access arrangement(s) awarded)

### **Invigilators**

- Follow the procedure for verifying candidate identity provided by the EO
- Seat candidates in exam rooms as instructed by the EO/on the seating plan

## Security of exam materials

### **Exams officer**

- Confirms appropriate arrangements are in place to ensure that confidential materials are only handed over to those authorised by the head of centre
- Ensures access to the secure room is restricted and staff approved by the head of centre are accompanied by a keyholder at all times. There must be between two and six keyholders only (the exams officer must be one of the keyholders), each keyholder must fully understand their responsibilities as a keyholder to the secure storage facility
- Has a process in place to demonstrate the receipt, secure movement and secure storage of confidential exam materials within the centre
- Ensures a log is kept at the initial point of delivery recording confidential materials received and signed for by authorised staff within the centre and that appropriate arrangements are in place for confidential materials to be immediately transferred to the secure storage facility until they can be removed from the dispatch packaging and checked in the secure room before being returned to the secure storage facility in timetable order
- Carefully checks question paper packets when they are removed from the dispatch packing and keeps a log of the check
- Ensures the secure storage facility contains only current and live confidential material (ensuring that past examination question papers, internal tests and mock examinations are not kept in the centre's secure storage facility)
- Ensures that examination stationery, e.g. answer booklets and formula booklets are stored in the secure room (attempting to store this material in the secure storage facility, when sufficient space allows)
- Ensures the integrity and security of any electronic question paper is maintained during the downloading, printing and collating process (ensuring printing is carried out in a secure environment to prevent unauthorised personnel accessing live assessment materials and ensuring only authorised members of centre staff have access to electronic question papers)

At least two and no more than six members of centre staff should be authorised to handle secure electronic materials, one of whom must be the exams officer\*. Other members of centre staff may assist with printing and collation provided they are under supervision.

\*For AQA examinations, one member of centre staff can be authorised to handle secure electronic material.

### **Reception staff**

- Follow the process to log confidential materials delivered to/received by the centre to the point materials are issued to authorised staff for transferal to the secure storage facility

### **Teaching staff**

- Adhere to the process to record the secure movement of confidential materials taken from or returned to secure storage throughout the time the material is confidential

## Timetabling and rooming

### **Exams officer**

- Produces a master centre exam timetable for each exam series
- Identifies and resolves candidate exam timetable clashes according to the regulations (only applying overnight supervision arrangements as a last resort, once all other options have been exhausted and according to the centre's policy)

### **Overnight Supervision Arrangements Policy**

#### **Purpose of the Procedure**

This procedure outlines how Woodlands School will apply overnight supervision arrangements

### Overnight Supervision Arrangements

Overnight supervision arrangements will only be applied as a last resort and once all other options have been exhausted.

Candidates may, at the centre's discretion, be allowed to take an examination the following morning (including Saturdays – see paragraph 8.5). Candidates are not allowed to take examinations on an earlier day than scheduled on the timetable.

The overnight supervision arrangements must ensure that the candidate does not have advance warning of the content of the examination deferred until the following morning. This means the candidate must not meet or communicate with anyone who may have knowledge of the content. This includes any form of electronic communication/storage device e.g. telephone (both mobile and landline), email, internet and social media. It also extends to television and radio which could report key details of the day's examinations.

The JCQ Overnight Supervision and Overnight Supervision Declaration forms must be completed before the overnight supervision is to commence. The JCQ Overnight Supervision Declaration form is downloaded from the Centre Admin Portal (CAP) for signing by the candidate, the supervisor and the head of centre. Refer to [ICE](#) (section 8)

#### Head of Centre

- Must be satisfied that the arrangements maintain the integrity and security of the examination
- Accepts full responsibility for the security of the examination throughout
- Must inform the relevant awarding body **immediately** of any known or suspected contravention of the arrangements for overnight supervision of a candidate
- After an agreement has been made with the candidate and supervisor, the head of centre must complete a Timetable variation and confidentiality declaration for overnight supervision form

#### Exams Officer

- Must appoint an invigilator or member of centre staff to supervise the candidate at all times while he/she is on the premises taking examinations
- Must inform the parties involved that any infringement of the conditions governing overnight supervision arrangements may lead to the awarding body being unable to accept the script and/or the application of sanctions/penalties, as details in the JCQ publication Suspected Malpractice in Examinations and Assessments: Policies and Procedures; <http://www.jcq.org.uk/exams-office/malpractice>
- Must keep all forms available in the centre for inspection until the deadline for review of marking has passed or until any appeal, malpractice or other results enquiry has been completed, whichever is later. Forms may be stored electronically or in a hard copy paper format and must not be sent to an awarding body unless specifically requested.

#### Invigilator

- Must ensure that the candidate is under centre supervision from 30 minutes after the awarding body's published start time for the delayed examination.
- Must ensure there is no contact with other candidates.

#### Parent/carer/staff covering overnight supervision

- Must ensure that the candidate has no contact with anyone who may have knowledge of the content of the examination. This includes any form of electronic communication/storage device, e.g. telephone (both mobile and landline), email, internet and social media. It even extends to television and radio, which could report key details of the day's examinations.

- Must sign a declaration agreeing to supervise the candidate at all times and prevent contact via any means listed above (see appendix 1)

#### **Why have a policy on this?**

Allowing a candidate to take an exam paper the following morning due to an eligible overnight supervision arrangement is at the discretion of the centre. Having a documented policy ensures:

- the correct procedure is followed
- appropriate arrangements are put in place
- candidates (and/or parents/carers) understand when, or indeed if, appropriate arrangements can/will be made
- the centre can demonstrate the policy if asked/challenged by a candidate (and/or parent/carer)

- Identifies exam rooms and specialist equipment requirements
- Allocates invigilators to exam rooms (or where supervising candidates due to an exam timetable clash) according to required ratios
- Liaises with site staff to ensure exam rooms are set up according to JCQ and awarding body requirements
- Liaises with the ALS lead/SENCo regarding rooming of access arrangement candidates

#### **ALS lead/SENCo**

- Liaises with the EO regarding rooming of access arrangement candidates
- Liaises with other relevant centre staff to ensure appropriate arrangements, adjustments and adaptations are in place to facilitate access for disabled candidates to exams

#### **Site staff**

- Liaise with the EO to ensure exam rooms are set up according to JCQ and awarding body requirements

#### Alternative site arrangements

##### **Exams officer**

- (Where/if applicable to the centre) Ensures question papers will only be taken to an alternative site where the published criteria for an alternative site arrangement has been met
- Will inform the JCQ Centre Inspection Service to timescale by submitting a JCQ Alternative Site arrangement notification using CAP (or through the awarding body where a qualification may sit outside the scope of CAP) of any alternative sites that will be used to conduct timetabled examination components of the qualifications listed in the JCQ regulations

#### Centre consortium arrangements

##### **Exams officer**

- (Where/if applicable to the centre) Processes applications for Centre Consortium arrangements using CAP to the awarding body deadline (or through the awarding body where a qualification may sit outside the scope of CAP)

#### **Senior leaders**

- (Where/if applicable to the centre) Inform the EO of any joint teaching arrangements in place and where the centre is acting as the consortium co-ordinator

#### Transferred candidate arrangements

##### **Exams officer**

- (Where/if applicable to the centre) Liaises with the host or entering centre, as required
- Processes requests for Transferred Candidate arrangements using CAP to the awarding body deadline (or through the awarding body where a qualification may sit outside the scope of CAP)
- Where relevant (for an internal candidate) informs the candidate of the arrangements that have been made for their transferred candidate arrangement

#### Internal exams

##### **Exams officer**

- Prepares for the conduct of internal exams under external conditions (where applicable to the centre)
- Provides a centre exam timetable of subjects and rooms
- Provides seating plans for exam rooms
- Requests internal exam papers from teaching staff
- Arranges invigilation (where applicable to the centre)

##### **ALS lead/SENCo**

- Liaises with teaching staff to make appropriate arrangements for access arrangement candidates

##### **Teaching staff**

- Provide exam papers and materials to the EO
- Support the ALS lead/SENCo in making appropriate arrangements for access arrangement candidates

#### **Exam time: roles and responsibilities**

#### Access arrangements

##### **Exams officer**

- Provides cover sheets for access arrangement candidates' scripts where required for particular arrangements
- Has a process in place to deal with emergency/temporary access arrangements as they arise at the time of exams
  - applies for approval through AAO where required or through the awarding body where qualifications sit outside the scope of AAO

#### Candidate absence

##### **Candidate Absence Policy**

###### **Purpose of the Procedure**

This policy outlines how Woodlands School will manage candidate absence from exams

Once candidates are seated and have started the examination, complete the attendance register. This will allow for the identification of absent candidates who can be contacted as to their whereabouts Refer to [ICE](#) (section 22)

###### **Candidate absence**

- Any pupils who have not arrived for an exam or external assessment must be marked absent on the examining register
- For unforeseen circumstances which have led to a pupil being unable to attend an exam, Woodlands School will discuss applying for special consideration. For further details, please refer to the special consideration policy

- In the event of any unauthorised absence from a subjects full exam (all papers), Woodlands School reserves the right to charge candidates for the exam entry.

### **Senior Leadership Team**

The nominated SLT member will oversee morning enhancement sessions and warm up sessions to identify any missing pupil(s).

SLT will inform the attendance team of any missing pupil(s) for them to begin making contact to ascertain whether the pupil will be arriving for their exam and if so, how long they will be.

If a pupil is going to be absent from the exam, the attendance team will gather the reason for the absence and will then decide whether the absence is authorised or unauthorised. Attendance will record reasons on the school MIS.

This information will also be passed onto the head of centre and Exams Officer to review.

The attendance team, head of centre or exams officer may request to see evidence in regards to the absence. If required, this evidence may be used for a special consideration application. Please see the Special Consideration policy for further details.

### **Exams Officer**

The Exams Officer will liaise with the attendance team each exam session to identify any absent pupils. The Exams Officer will inform invigilators of known absentees and will record these on the seating plans and registers in the exam rooms.

The Exams Officer will liaise with the Head of Centre to determine whether it will be appropriate to charge the candidate for the exam entry. This will be at the head of centre's discretion.

If it is decided that the appropriate action will be to charge the candidate for the missed exams, the Exams Officer will liaise with the Finance Manager to invoice the candidate's parent/carer for the associated entry cost.

### **Why have a policy on this?**

Centres will likely have different strategies for dealing with unauthorised absences from exams. Having a documented policy ensures:

- candidates are aware of what they need to do if they are likely to be absent from an exam
- staff involved in the exams process understand how absent candidates who have not contacted the centre regarding their absence will be managed at the time of the exam
- the centre can demonstrate the policy if asked/challenged by a candidate (and/or parent/carer)

### **Invigilators**

- Are informed of the policy/process for dealing with absent candidates through training
- Ensure that confirmed absent candidates are clearly marked as such on the attendance register and seating plan

### **Candidates**

- Are re-charged relevant entry fees for unauthorised absence from exams

### Candidate behaviour

See *Irregularities* below.

### Candidate belongings

See *Unauthorised items* below.

### Candidate late arrival

#### **Exams officer**

- Ensures that candidates who arrive very late for an exam are reported to the awarding body by submitting a report on candidate admitted very late to examination room using CAP to timescale
- Warns candidates that their script may not be accepted by the awarding body

#### **Invigilators**

- Are informed of the policy/process for dealing with late/very late arrival candidates through training
- Ensure that relevant information is recorded on the exam room incident log

#### **Candidate Late Arrival Policy**

Candidates who arrive after the start time of the examination are considered late

Late candidates must report to reception to meet the Head of Centre/Exams Officer who will ascertain the appropriateness of entering the exam. If it is decided that it is suitable for the pupil to go ahead with the exam sitting, the pupil will then be escorted to their exam room.

The awarding body will decide whether to accept the scripts from any late candidate

Protocol for leaving with late/very late candidates:

Persistent late pupils will be called, up to an hour prior to each exam by either the attendance team, SLT or Head of Year

The Exams team book out a free room for each summer exam series to allow an additional space in the event of lateness or an emergency.

The Exams Officer will book invigilators with a ration of 1:20 to allow for additional invigilators in the event of an emergency/late pupil.

Late arrivals will report to the Head of Centre initially to ascertain whether it is appropriate to sit the exam, based on length of lateness.

The Senior Leadership team or attendance team pick up late pupil(s) and escort them to the exams officer who will then locate the candidate(s) name card and paper.

One invigilator will be taken out of the main hall if ratio numbers allow; if not, a member of the exams team will invigilate. The roving invigilator will also be notified.

The candidate(s) will be taken to the allocated room.

A late/very late form is completed.

The exam will begin, allowing the candidate(s) the full time for the exam.

Any candidate(s) who arrive after the start of the exam may be allowed to enter the exam room and sit the exam. This is entirely at the discretion of the centre.

Any candidate(s) who arrive late and is permitted by the centre to sit the exam must be allowed the full time for the examination.



Refer to [ICE](#) (section 21)

**Why have a policy on this?**

Permitting candidates who arrive after the start of an exam to enter the exam room and sit the exam is at the centre's discretion. Having a documented policy ensures:

- candidates are aware of what will or won't happen should they arrive late
- staff involved in the exams process understand how this will be managed at the time of the exam
- the centre can demonstrate the policy if asked/challenged by a candidate (and/or parent/carer)

Conducting exams

**Head of centre**

- Ensures venues used for conducting exams meet the requirements of JCQ and awarding bodies

**Exams officer**

- Ensures exams are conducted according to JCQ and awarding body instructions
- Uses an *exam day checklist* to ensure each exam session is fully prepared for, unplanned events can be dealt with and associated follow-up is completed

Dispatch of exam scripts

**Exams officer**

- Dispatches scripts as instructed by JCQ and awarding bodies
- Keeps appropriate records to track dispatch

Exam papers and materials

**Exams officer**

- Organises exam question papers and associated confidential resources in date order in the secure storage facility
- Attaches erratum notices received to relevant sealed question paper packets
- Collates attendance registers and examiner details in date order
- Regularly checks mail or email inbox for updates from awarding bodies
- In order to avoid potential breaches of security, ensures care is taken to ensure the correct question paper packets are opened by ensuring a member of centre staff, additional to the person removing the papers from secure storage, e.g. an invigilator, checks the day, date, time, subject, unit/component and tier of entry, if appropriate, immediately before a question paper packet is opened
- Ensures this second pair of eyes check is recorded
- Where allowed by the awarding body, only releases exam papers and materials to teaching departments for teaching and learning purposes after the published finishing time of the exam, or until any timetable clash candidates have completed the exam

Exam rooms

**Head of centre**

- Ensures that internal tests, mock exams, revision or coaching sessions are not conducted in a room 'designated' as an exam room
- Ensures that when a room is 'designated' as an exam room it is not used for any purpose other than conducting external exams
- Ensures only approved centre staff (who have not taught the subject being examined) are present in exam rooms to perform permitted tasks

- Ensures the centre's policy relating to food and drink that may be allowed in exam rooms is clearly communicated to candidates
- Ensures the centre's policy on candidates leaving the exam room temporarily is clearly communicated to candidates

### **Food and Drink Policy (Exams)**

#### **Purpose of the Procedure**

Food and drink may be allowed in the exam room at the discretion of the head of centre. This is, however, on the condition that any food or drink through into the exam room, whether by a candidate or the centre, have had all labels removed and is free from packaging

This policy outlines how Woodlands School will manage food and drink in the exam room

#### **Exams Officer**

- Ensures a procedure is in place to monitor food and drink in the exam room
- Ensures invigilators are aware of the procedure
- Provides seating plans for exam rooms according to JCQ and awarding body requirements (and ensures candidates with access arrangements are identified on the seating plan) to assist with needing to take refreshments as part of a medical condition

#### **Invigilators**

- Following the procedure for food and drink in the exam room provided by the Exams Officer
- Seat candidates in exam rooms as instructed by the Exams Officer on the seating plan
- The invigilator must record any rest break taken for food to be consumed as part of the medical condition in the incident log

#### **Candidates**

- Should only bring food and drink into the exam room which abides by the procedure set below

#### **Food and Drink in the Exam Room**

- Only water in clear bottles will be allowed into the exam room
- All water bottles brought into the exam room must have all labels removed
- No food will be allowed into the exam rooms (the only exception to this will be for pupils with medical needs who may require snacks to manage their condition)
- Snacks required in any exam room will be left with the invigilator appointed for that room and the candidate(s) may request their snack from the invigilator at any given time

Refer to [ICE](#) (section 18)

#### **Why have a policy on this?**

Allowing food and drink in an exam room is at the head of centre's discretion. Having a documented policy ensures:

- candidates are clear on what is or what is not allowed
- staff involved in the exams process are aware of what is and what is not allowed and how this will be managed at the time of the exam
- the centre can demonstrate the policy if asked/challenged by a candidate (and/or parent/carer)

## Leaving the Examination Room Policy

### Purpose of the Procedure

Candidates who are allowed to leave the exam room temporarily must be accompanied by a member of centre staff. This must not be the candidate's subject teacher or a subject expert for the exam in question. The candidate(s) may be allowed extra time at the discretion of the centre to compensate for their temporary absence.

This procedure outlines how Woodlands School will manage and log all pupils temporarily leaving the exam room.

### Candidates Temporarily Leaving the Exam Room

#### Exams Officer

- Ensures a procedure is in place to log times and reasons for all candidates temporarily leaving the exam room
- Ensures invigilators are aware of the procedure
- Provides seating plans for exam rooms according to JCQ and awarding body requirements (and ensure candidates with access arrangements are identified on the seating plan) to assist with candidates needing to take movement breaks

#### Invigilators

*"invigilators must be vigilant and remain aware of incidents or emerging situations, looking out for malpractice or candidates who, for example, may be feeling unwell or require a toilet break. These incidents must be recorded on an incident log"*

- Follow the procedure for candidates temporarily leaving the exam room provided by the Exam Officer
- Seat candidates in exam rooms as instructed by the Exams Officer/on the seating plan

#### Temporarily leaving the exam room procedure

- All pupils temporarily leaving the exam room **must** be accompanied by a member of centre staff. This **must not** be the candidate's subject teacher or a subject expert for the exam in question
- Blazers should be left in the exam room on the back of the candidate's chair
- All incidences of candidates leaving the exam room temporarily must be logged, with the times and reason for leaving the room, in the incident log

Refer to [ICE](#) (section 23)

#### Why have a policy on this?

Allowing time to be compensated where a candidate leaves the exam room temporarily, accompanied by a member of centre staff, is at the discretion centre. Having a documented policy ensures:

- candidates are aware of the centre's arrangements where time may or may not be compensated for any temporary absence from the exam room
- staff involved in the exams process understand how this will be managed at the time of the exam
- the centre can demonstrate the policy if asked/challenged by a candidate (and/or parent/carer)

- Ensures exam rooms are set up and conducted as required in the regulations
- Provides invigilators with appropriate resources to effectively conduct exams
- Briefs invigilators on exams to be conducted on a session by session basis (including the arrangements in place for any transferred candidates and access arrangement candidates)
- Ensures sole invigilators have an appropriate means of summoning assistance (if this is a mobile phone, instructs the invigilator that the mobile phone is only allowed to be used for this specific purpose and that it must be kept on silent mode)
- Ensures invigilators understand they must be vigilant and remain aware of incidents or emerging situations, looking out for malpractice or candidates who may be in distress, recording any incidents or issues on the exam room incident log
- Ensures invigilators understand how to deal with candidates who may need to leave the exam room temporarily and how this should be recorded on the exam room incident log
- Provides authorised exam materials which candidates are not expected to provide themselves
- Ensures invigilators and candidates are aware of the emergency evacuation procedure
- Ensures invigilators are aware of arrangements in place for a candidate with a disability who may need assistance if an exam room is evacuated

#### **Senior leaders**

- Ensure a documented emergency evacuation procedure for exam rooms is in place
- Ensure arrangements are in place for a candidate with a disability who may need assistance if an exam room is evacuated

#### **Emergency Evacuation Policy (Exams)**

Please refer to the Emergency Evacuation policy which can be found on the Woodlands School website for in the policies folder in the exams office.

When dealing with emergencies, staff must be aware of the centre's policy and, where appropriate, any instructions from relevant local or national agencies. References should also be made to the following document:  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/bomb-threats-guidance/procedures-for-handling--bomb-threats>

Centres must have a written policy for dealing with an emergency evacuation of the exam room, which will be subject to inspection by the JCQ Centre Inspection Service

Refer to [ICE](#) (section 25)

#### **Site staff**

- Ensure exam rooms are available and set up as requested by the EO
- Ensure grounds or centre maintenance work does not disturb exam candidates in exam rooms
- Ensure fire alarm testing does not take place during exam sessions

#### **Invigilators**

- Conduct exams in every exam room according to JCQ Instructions for conducting examinations and/or awarding body requirements and as instructed by the centre in training/update and briefing sessions

#### **Candidates**

- Are required to follow the instructions given to them in exam rooms by authorised centre staff and invigilators
- Are required to remain in the exam room for the full duration of the exam

## Irregularities

### **Head of centre**

- Ensures (as required by an awarding body) any cases of alleged, suspected or actual incidents of malpractice or maladministration before, during or after examinations/assessments (by centre staff, candidates, invigilators) are investigated and reported to the awarding body **immediately**, by completing the appropriate documentation

### **Managing Behaviour Policy (Exams)**

Where a candidate is being disruptive, the invigilator must warn the candidate that he/she may be removed from the exam room. The candidate must also be warned that the awarding body will be informed and may decide to penalise them, which could include disqualification.

The invigilator must record what has happened.

The head of centre has the authority to remove a candidate from the exam room, but should only do so if the candidate would disrupt others by remaining in the room.

#### **Introduction**

Woodlands School is committed to ensuring that candidates are fully briefed on the exam and assessment process in place in the centre. They are made aware of the required JCQ/awarding body instructions and information for candidates.

#### **Purpose of the Managing Behaviour in Exam Rooms Procedure**

- To ensure candidates are aware of behaviour expectations during exams
- To inform candidates of how behaviour will be managed
- To ensure staff conducting exams understand the process to be followed and candidates are aware of the possible consequences of any disruptive actions

#### **Candidates**

- Candidates are informed, via the candidate handbook, of the expectation for behaviour during exams
- Candidates are informed, prior to any assessment, the suggested wording for invigilators announcements at the beginning of written exams
- Warning to Candidates posters and Unauthorised Items posters are on display

#### **Head of Centre**

- Support Senior Leaders with any behaviour which may have escalated. Should the situation worsen, pupil(s) should be removed to avoid impact on other candidates.

#### **Senior Leaders**

- Ensure support is provided for the Exam Officer and invigilators when dealing with disruptive candidates in the exam room
- Ensure internal disciplinary procedures relating to candidate behaviour are instigated when appropriate

#### **Exams Officer**

- Provides an exam room incident log in all exam rooms for recording any incidents or irregularities
- Actions any required follow-up and reports to awarding bodies as soon as practically possible after the exam has taken place

#### **Invigilators**

- Record any incidents or irregularities in the Exam Room Incident Log (e.g. late/very late arrival, candidate or centre staff suspected malpractice, candidate illness or needing to leave the exam room temporarily, disruption or disturbance in the exam room, emergency evacuation)

#### **If an Incident Occurs**

If an incident or unacceptable behaviour occurs, the following behaviour procedures will be followed:

- Where a candidate is being disruptive, the invigilator must warn the candidate that he/she may be removed from the exam room
- The candidate must be warned that the awarding body will be informed and may decide to penalise them, which could include disqualification
- The invigilator must record what has happened. Wherever possible, the invigilator should remove and keep any unauthorised material that a candidate may have in the exam. If necessary, the invigilator should summon assistance
- The Head of Centre must report to the awarding body immediately, all cases of suspected or actual malpractice in connection with the exam. Form JCQ/M1 – Report of Suspected Candidate Malpractice – <http://www.jcq.org.uk/exams-office/malpractice> must be completed
- **The Head of Centre has the authority to remove a candidate from the exam room, but should only do so if the candidate would disrupt the others by remaining in the room**
- The Head of Centre has a duty to monitor and report potential malpractice by invigilators and centre staff, to the awarding body immediately
- Where candidates commit malpractice, the awarding body may decide to penalise them, which could include disqualification. Candidates should be warned of the possible penalties an awarding body may apply as per the JCQ publication Suspected Malpractice in Examinations and Assessments: Policies and Procedures, 2023-2024 – <http://www.jcq.org.uk/exams-office/malpractice>
- Exam scripts must be packed as normal. Form JCQ/M1 must be submitted separately to the relevant awarding body.

Refer for prompt to [ICE](#)

#### **Why have a policy on this?**

Having a documented policy/procedure on how behaviour in exam rooms is managed ensures staff conducting exams understand the process to be followed and candidates are aware of the possible consequences of any disruptive actions

#### **Senior leaders**

- Ensure support is provided for the EO and invigilators when dealing with disruptive candidates in exam rooms
- Ensure that internal disciplinary procedures relating to candidate behaviour are instigated, when appropriate

#### **Exams officer**

- Provides an exam room incident log in all exam rooms for recording any incidents or irregularities
- Actions any required follow-up and reports to awarding bodies as soon as practically possible after the exam has taken place

#### **Invigilators**

- Record any incidents or irregularities on the exam room incident log (for example, late/very late arrival, candidate or centre staff suspected malpractice, candidate illness or needing to leave the exam room temporarily, disruption or disturbance in the exam room, emergency evacuation)

#### Malpractice

See *Irregularities* above.

#### Special consideration

##### **Senior leaders**

- Provide signed evidence to support eligible applications for special consideration

##### **Exams officer**

- Processes eligible applications for special consideration to awarding bodies
- Gathers evidence which may need to be provided by other staff in centre or candidates
- Submits requests to awarding bodies to the external deadline

#### **Special Consideration Policy**

Please refer to the Special Consideration policy which can be found on the Woodlands School website or in the policies folder in the exams office.

#### **Candidates**

- Provide appropriate evidence to support special consideration applications, where required

#### Unauthorised items

##### **Arrangements for unauthorised items taken into the exam room**

You must not take into the exam room:

- Notes
- Potential technological/web enabled sources of information such as an iPod, a mobile phone, a MP3/4 player, air pods, a smartwatch or wrist watch
- Any pencil case taken into the exam room must be transparent.
- REMEMBER: possession of unauthorised material is breaking the rules, even if you do not intend to use it. You could be subject to a penalty and possible disqualification in accordance with the JCQ publication Suspected Malpractice in Examinations and Assessments: Policies and Procedures

Candidates have a secure bag room where they are reminded to leave all personal belongings with specific attention given to the above.

If, for whatever reason, a candidate has forgotten to leave any of the above in their bag and when asked to hand in any unauthorised material to an invigilator, boxes are set up at the front of all exam rooms for these personal belongings. Numbered tickets are given out to ensure the belongings are returned to the correct pupil.

In the examination room, candidates must not have access to items other than those stated in the instructions on the question paper, the stationery list or the specification for that subject.

Refer for prompt to [ICE](#) (section 18)

#### **Invigilators**

- Are informed of the arrangements through training

#### Internal exams

##### **Exams officer**

- Briefs invigilators on conducting internal exams
- Returns candidate scripts to teaching staff for marking

### **Invigilators**

- Conduct internal exams as briefed by the EO

## **Results and post-results: roles and responsibilities**

### Internal assessment

#### **Senior leaders**

- Ensures teaching staff keep candidates' work, whether part of the moderation sample or not, secure and for the required period stated by JCQ and awarding bodies
- Ensures work is returned to candidates after the retention period or disposed of according to the requirements

### Managing results day(s)

#### **Senior leaders**

- Identify centre staff who will be involved in the main summer results day(s) and their role
- Ensure senior members of staff are accessible to candidates immediately after the publication of results so that results may be discussed and decisions made on the submission of any requests for post-results services and ensure candidates are informed of the periods during which centre staff will be available so that they may plan accordingly

#### **Exams officer**

- Works with senior leaders to ensure procedures for managing the main summer results day(s) (a results day programme) are in place

#### **Results day programme**

The results day programme highlighting how, when and where results will be issued will be sent to candidates at the end of the academic year. Pupils are also informed in assemblies towards the end of the academic year.

Information on Access to Scripts, Reviews of Results and Appeals Procedures are included in the Woodlands School Candidate Handbook. These options are also drafted in a letter and sent home to parents and pupils at the end of the academic year.

During the results period, the Exams Officer is responsible for the printing of all results.

The admin office staff assist with handing out results envelopes and the Senior Leadership Team assist with candidates locating information required such as finding teaching staff for enquiries about results and accessing post result services.

#### **Site staff**

- Ensure the centre is open and accessible to centre staff and candidates, as required for the collection of results

### Accessing results

#### **Head of centre**

- Ensures results are kept entirely confidential and restricted to key members of staff until the official dates and times of release of results to candidates
- Understands that it is not permitted to withhold provisional results from candidates under any circumstances

#### **Exams officer**



- Informs candidates in advance of when and how results will be released to them for each exam series
- Accesses results from awarding bodies under restricted release of results, where this is provided by the awarding body
- Resolves any missing or incomplete results with awarding bodies
- Issues statements of results to candidates on issue of results date
- Provides summaries of results for relevant centre staff on issue of results date

#### Post-results services

##### **Head of centre**

- Ensures an **internal appeals procedure** is available where candidates disagree with any centre decision not to support a clerical re-check, a review of marking, a review of moderation or an appeal
- Ensures that senior members of centre staff are available immediately after the publication of results
- Understands that if the centre has concerns about one of its component/subject cohorts, then requests for reviews of marking should be submitted for all candidates believed to be affected (candidate consent is required as marks and subject grades may be lowered, confirmed or raised)

##### **Exams officer**

- Provides information to candidates and staff on the services provided by awarding bodies and the fees charged (see also above **Briefing candidates** and **Access to Scripts, Reviews of Results and Appeals Procedures**)
- Publishes internal deadlines for requesting the services to ensure the external deadlines can be effectively met
- Provides a process to record requests for services and to collect candidate informed consent (**after** the publication of results) and fees where relevant
- Submits requests to awarding bodies to meet the external deadline for the particular service
- Tracks requests to conclusion and informs candidates and relevant centre staff of outcomes
- Updates centre results information, where applicable

##### **Teaching staff**

- Meet internal deadlines to request the services and gain relevant candidate informed consent
- Identify the budget to which fees should be charged

##### **Candidates**

- Meet internal deadlines to request the services
- Provide informed consent and fees, where relevant

#### Analysis of results

##### **Data and Exams Manager**

- Provides analysis of results to appropriate centre staff
- Provides results information to external organisations where required
- Undertakes the DfE School and College Checking Exercises (where applicable to the centre)  
<https://tableschecking.education.gov.uk>

#### Certificates

Certificates are provided to centres by awarding bodies after results have been confirmed.

### **Certificate Issue Procedure and Retention Policy**

A certificate collection date is organised (normally for November) by the Exams Officer. All pupils will be informed of the date in writing, prior to the event.

Pupils are also contact an additional time later in the year to arrange a collection if they did not turn up to collect.

The school will retain certificates for up to 1 year and may destroy certificates after this date.

### **Candidates**

- May arrange for certificates to be collected on their behalf by providing the EO with written or email permission/authorisation; authorised persons must provide ID evidence on collection of certificates

### **Exams review: roles and responsibilities**

#### **Exams officer**

- Provides SLT with an overview of the exam year, highlighting what went well and what could be developed/improved in terms of exams management and administrative processes within the stages of the exam cycle
- Collects and evaluates feedback from staff, candidates and invigilators to inform an exams review

#### **Senior leaders**

- Work with the EO to produce a plan to action any required improvements identified in the review


### **Retention of records: roles and responsibilities**

#### **Exams officer**

- Keeps records as required by JCQ and awarding bodies for the required period
- Keeps records as required by the centre's records management policy
- Provides an exams archiving policy that identifies information held, retention period and method of disposal

### **Exams Archiving Policy**

This policy is available on the school website with a hard copy in the Exam Policies folder in the exams office.

Signed:   
Head Teacher

Dated: 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Signed:   
Chair of Governors

Dated: 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023