

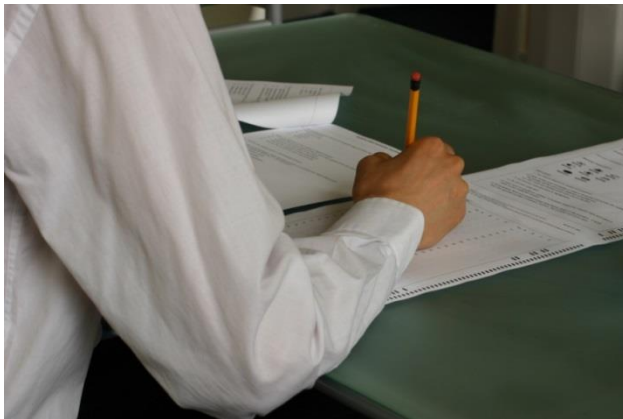


FEARNHILL SCHOOL

GUIDANCE FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS

EXTERNAL EXAMINATIONS

Centre Number: 17415



This information is to help you with valuable advice for examinations held at Fearnhill School.

You are required to read this document carefully and retain it for future reference

If you have ANY questions or problems, please contact the Exams Office on 01462 621200 or email exams@fearnhill.herts.sch.uk

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INTRODUCTION

It is the aim of Fearnhill School to make the examination experience as stress-free and successful as possible for all candidates.

Hopefully, this booklet will prove informative and helpful for you and your parents. Please read it carefully and show it to your parent so that they are also aware of the examination regulations and the procedures which must be followed in the event of any problems occurring.

The awarding bodies (examination boards) set down strict criteria which must be followed for the conduct of examinations and Fearnhill School is required to follow them precisely. You should therefore pay particular attention to the JCQ INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES that can be found at the end of this booklet and on the website.

Some of the questions you may have are answered in the back of this booklet. If there is anything you do not understand or any question that has not been answered, PLEASE ASK NOW!

CONTACT NUMBERS

- Please check the school has at least one up to date contact number for you. Please email exams@fearnhill.herts.sch.uk or send a note to school for our database to be updated. If you or your parents have any queries or need help or advice at any time before, during or after the examinations, please contact a member of the data and exams team:
 - The school telephone number is 01462 621200
 - Email: exams@fearnhill.herts.sch.uk

Remember, we are here to help.

GOOD LUCK!!

BEFORE THE EXAMINATIONS

Examination Timetable:

All candidates will receive an Examination Timetable from school indicating the subjects they are being entered for and the levels of entry, where applicable. Please check that these are correct. Some subjects only have one tier, some have Foundation or Higher tiers.

You must check everything on your timetable very carefully. Particularly check that all personal details (date of birth, spelling of names) are accurate as these will appear on certificates and it may be difficult to change them once the certificate are awarded and costs may be incurred in doing so.

Examination Boards

Fearnhill School use the following Examination Boards: AQA, OCR, Edexcel and WJEC.

Candidate Name:

Please check your name is spelt correctly on your timetable.

Candidate Number:

Each candidate has a four-digit candidate number. This is the number you will enter on examination papers. Please remember it.

UCI/ULN:

In addition to a candidate number, each candidate must have a Unique Candidate Identifier (UCI) and a Unique Learner Number (ULN) which is shown on the top of the Statements of Entry. Your UCI/ULN is used for administration purposes only and it is not necessary for you to remember it.

Timetables

Make sure you know the dates and times of your examinations. If you miss a Public Examination **you cannot take that paper at another time.**

Unless notified otherwise:

- Morning exams start at 9.00am
- Afternoon exams start at 1.30pm

You must be in the dining hall (AM exams) or the gym (PM exams) 15 minutes before these times. Sixth formers meet in the Sixth Form quiet study area.

It is your responsibility to turn up on time for the examination so make sure that you and your parents know the dates and times of each of your exams. If you are late for an exam you may not get the full time and the Examination Board may not accept the script, depending on the circumstances. **If you know that you are going to be late then contact the school (01462 621200) so that the invigilators can be informed that you will be turning up late.**

Your timetable is your proof that you have been entered for a particular exam. If your timetable contains any errors you must see a member of the data and exams team. If any dispute about whether you have been entered for an exam, you will not be allowed to take the exam unless you have your examination timetable with you as evidence.

Examination clashes

A few candidates may have a clash where two subjects are timetabled at the same time. The school will make special timetable arrangements for these candidates only. You must check your individual timetable and see the Data and Exams Manager immediately if you think there is a clash on your timetable.

Special arrangements

Special arrangements, including extra time, may be approved for candidates with:

- Physical difficulties
- Language difficulties
- Specific learning difficulties

Special consideration

If you are fully prepared for an examination but are ill on or just before the day of an examination, an application may be made for special consideration for the examination affected. Examination Boards decide on the validity of each application. To support the application for special consideration, you will be required to provide a doctor's certificate.

Equipment

MAKE SURE YOU HAVE ALL THE CORRECT EQUIPMENT BEFORE YOUR EXAMINATIONS. Check the regulations in the JCQ INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES and the information on the following pages.

You should bring all of your equipment in a clear plastic bag or transparent pencil case. Ordinary pencil cases or boxes are not allowed in the exam room. Borrowing from other candidates is NOT allowed under any circumstances. If you do not have all of the equipment with you, please ensure that you ask an invigilator if you may borrow items BEFORE the examination begins. At the end of the examination, please leave any borrowed items on your desk when you leave the room.

Examination regulations are VERY strict regarding items that may be taken into the examination room. If you break these rules you will be disqualified from the examination. Mobile telephones, watches and smart devices **MUST NOT BE BROUGHT INTO THE EXAMINATION ROOM** even if they are turned off. If you accidentally take one in, you should hand it in to the invigilator.

If you are found with a mobile phone, watch or other smart device once the exam has started the exam board must be informed and you could be disqualified from this and possible future examinations.

Food is not usually allowed in the examination room but may be allowed at the discretion of the Exams Manager. Any food taken into the exam room must be free of packaging and in a transparent container. Drinks bottles are allowed in the examination room. These **MUST** be transparent bottles with a spill-proof cap. There must be no label on the bottle.

Please do not write on the examination desks. This is regarded as vandalism and you will be asked to pay for any damage. Any vandalism can be traced back using the seating plan.

Do not draw graffiti or write offensive comments on examination papers – if you do, the examination board may refuse to accept your paper.

Listen carefully to instructions and notices read out by the invigilators – there may be amendments to the exam paper that you need to know about.

Check you have the correct question paper – check the subject, paper and tier of entry.

Read all instructions carefully and number your answers clearly.

You will not be allowed to leave an examination room early. If you have finished the paper, use any time remaining to check over your answers and that you have completed your details correctly.

At the end of the examination, all work must be handed in – remember to cross out any rough work. If you have used more than one answer book or loose sheets of paper please slot extra sheets within the original answer paper/booklet.

Invigilators will collect your exam papers before you leave the room. ABSOLUTE SILENCE must be maintained during this time. Remember you are still under examination conditions until you have left the room.

Question papers, answer booklets and additional paper must not be taken from the exam room.

Remain seated in silence until told to leave the examination room. Please leave the room in silence and show consideration for other candidates who may still be working.

If the Fire Alarm sounds during an examination the invigilators will tell you what to do. If you have to evacuate the room MUST leave in silence and in the order in which you are sitting. You will be escorted to a designated assembly point. Leave everything on your desk. You must not attempt to communicate with anyone else during the evacuation. When you return to the exam room, do not start writing until the invigilator tells you to do so. You will be allowed the full working time for the examination and a report will be sent to the awarding body detailing the incident.

INVIGILATORS

The school employs invigilators to conduct the examinations. Students are expected to behave in a respectful manner towards all invigilators and follow their instructions at all times.

Invigilators are in the examination rooms to supervise the conduct of the examination. They will distribute and collect the examination papers, tell candidates when to start and finish the examination, hand out extra writing paper if required and deal with any problems that occur during the examination, for example if a candidate is feeling ill.

Please note that invigilators cannot discuss the examination paper with you or explain the questions.

Pupils who are disruptive or behave in an unacceptable manner will be removed from the examination room by invigilators and a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

ABSENCE FROM EXAMINATIONS

What to do if you are ill on the day of an exam.

If you are ill and are unable to attend an exam it is vital you phone the school first thing in the morning (01462 621200) to inform us.

You must also obtain a note from your doctor detailing the reason for non-attendance. There is the possibility of submitting this note to the Examination Board to ask for special consideration. The Board looks at this in conjunction with other exam marks from the student in that particular subject, coursework and mock exam marks. This will then sometimes enable them to adjust the mark and grade accordingly.

If you are feeling unwell, but still able to travel, we suggest you come to the exam and we can assess the situation then. In most cases it is better to take the exam if you can.

If in doubt – TELEPHONE THE SCHOOL

If you do not attend an exam without a valid reason, it is possible that you will be charged for that exam. You may be charged £15 for each exam missed without a valid reason.

Please note that misreading the timetable will not be accepted as a satisfactory explanation of absence. Sometimes in the past, students have had problems getting to an exam on time. This can be as a result of a car breakdown, traffic jams, buses not turning up, etc.

Although we encourage all students to arrive in plenty of time for all exams, so that there is not a last minute panic, it is important that we have up to date contact numbers for both you and your parents, or anybody else who might be able to help in an emergency.

If you are late for an exam, we may not be able to get the exam paper accepted by the Examination Board.

We also suggest that your parents save the school number on their mobile phone so that they can call if you have a serious problem on your journey to school: 01462 621200.

EXAM CHECKLIST

- ❖ You must arrive at school 15 minutes prior to an exam **AT THE LATEST**. It is much better to leave yourself a safety margin on timings in case of problems with the journey.
- ❖ When taking exams, bags and coats should be left in your lockers or the hall corridor. Do not bring these items into the exam room.
- ❖ Phones – Students must not have mobiles phones in their possession (either on or off). They can be handed in for safe keeping during the exam if necessary. The school is not held responsible for the safe keeping of your phone.
- ❖ Do not take into the exam any unauthorised devices; stereos, digital equipment, reading pens, electronic communication/storage devices, iPods, MP3/4 players, smart watches or any other products with text/digital facilities. Wrist watches should also be removed prior to any exam.
- ❖ You should bring pens, pencils, a rubber and any other writing equipment needed to your exams. Only clear pencil cases are allowed on your desk; any others should be left in your bag. Do not use gel pens – this is because many of the exam papers are now scanned and sent electronically for marking and gel pens do not scan well.
- ❖ In an exam where you have the use of a calculator, you should not have a calculator cover on your desk.
- ❖ Ssshhh! There is absolutely no talking or communication allowed between students once you enter the exam hall. If you have any questions, you should raise your hand once seated and an invigilator will come to you.
- ❖ Normal school uniform rules apply.
- ❖ No food allowed in the exam hall (if you have a special requirement, please see the Data and Exams manager before the exams).
- ❖ Drinks bottles are allowed in the exam hall. These should be transparent bottles with a spill-proof cap. There should be no label on the bottle.

UNDERSTANDING EXAM PAPERWORK

Exam paperwork can be confusing and understanding the numbers and codes used by the Exam boards is not an easy task, even for an exams officer!

Examination Timetable

Your child will bring home an Examination Timetable produced from the school's Exam Management system. This document lists all of the exams that your son/daughter has been entered for. This document should be checked carefully once received; if any of the information is incorrect, please inform the Data and Exams Office IMMEDIATELY. Dates for final entries are set by the Exam Boards and are beyond our control.

When you get your son/daughter's Examination Timetable you are asked to check that their personal information is correct. It is important that the "Name on Certificates" and date of birth are correct as it is this information which will be printed on their FINAL certificates.

The Examination Timetable lists all the exams that your son/daughter has been entered for. They should know which exams they are taking, however, if they have any queries, they should direct them to the Head of Department, Subject Teacher or Data and Exams Manager.

Unless there is an exam clash, there is not an opportunity to take the exam at a different time or on a different day - it is very important that you note down the times of all your exams and ensure that you are on time.

Candidate Exam Timetable

Sarah Smith

Candidate Information

Date of Birth

02 Apr 2008

Registration Form

11H

Candidate Number

9999

UCI

Z9990001234

Date	Time	End Time	Subject	Examination	Duration	Location	Seat	
Wed, 07 May 2025	(TBC)	(TBC)	English Language	English Language Spoken Language (8700/C) (AQA)		(TBC)	(TBC)	
Mon, 12 May 2025	AM 09:00	AM 10:45	English Literature	English Literature Paper 1 (8702/1) (AQA)	01:45	(TBC)	(TBC)	
Tue, 13 May 2025	AM 09:00	AM 09:01	Religious Studies A	Religious Studies A P1 3 Christ (8062/13) (AQA)		(TBC)	(TBC)	
Tue, 13 May 2025	AM 09:00	AM 09	Religious Studies	Religious Studies A P1 5 Islam		(TBC)	(TBC)	
Tue, 13 May 2025	PM 13:30	PM 14	Internally assessed exams; date and time will be set by subject teacher					
Thu, 15 May 2025	(TBC)	(TBC)	Art And Design: Fine Art	Art & Design: Fine Art: Portfolio Vmod (J171/01) (OCR)		(TBC)	(TBC)	
Thu, 15 May 2025	(TBC)	(TBC)	Art And Design: Fine Art	Art & Design: Fine Art: Ext Tsk Vmod (J171/02) (OCR)		(TBC)	(TBC)	
Thu, 15 May 2025	AM 09:00	AM 10:30	Mathematics	Non Calculator (H) (1MA1 1H) (Pearson)	01:30	(TBC)	(TBC)	
Fri, 16 May 2025	AM 09:00	AM 09:01	History	History Paper 1a Option B (8145/1A/B) (AQA)		(TBC)	(TBC)	
Fri, 16 May 2025	AM 09:00	AM 09:01	History	History Paper 1b Option B (8145/1B/B) (AQA)		(TBC)	(TBC)	
Mon, 19 May 2025	AM 09:00	AM 10:15	Combined Science: Trilogy	Combined Sci Trilogy Chemistry P1h (8464/C/1H) (AQA)	01:15	(TBC)	(TBC)	

Date

Start time

Subject

Paper, board and tier information: H/F indicates the 'tier of entry' – Higher or Foundation

Exam duration

At Fearnhill the Examination Boards we use for GCSE/A Level are AQA, EDEXCEL, OCR & WJEC.

Results

On results day you will receive a 'Statement of Results'. THIS IS NOT YOUR FINAL CERTIFICATE. The statement lists ALL the exams you have taken and any components within the qualification.

Statement of Results

Sarah Smith

Candidate Information

Date of Birth 02 Apr 2008	Centre Number 17415	UCI Z9990001234
	Candidate Number 9999	ULN 1234567890

Date	Board	Level	Qualification	Code	Grade	Endorsement Grade	Mark
Jun 2024	Pearson	GCSE	Geography B	1GB0	7	→ Overall grade	
Jun 2024	Pearson	GCSE	Mathematics Option H	1MA1H	4		
Jun 2024	AQA	GCSE	Religious Studies A Option Ma	8062MA	7		
Jun 2024	AQA	GCSE	History Ga	8145GA	7		
Jun 2024	AQA	GCSE	Combined Sci: Trilogy Tier H	8464H	76		
Jun 2024	AQA	GCSE	Spanish Tier H	8698H	4		
Jun 2024	AQA	GCSE	English Language	8700	7	D → Spoken language endorsement	
Jun 2024	AQA	GCSE	English Literature	8702	6		

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: Why do I need to check the details on my Exam Timetable?

A: The details on your timetable will be used when certificates are printed. If the name or date of birth on your certificates does not match your birth certificate it could cause you problems if you are asked to show your certificates to a potential employer or for college/university applications in the future. You should also check that the subjects and tiers of entry you are entered for are correct and that no subjects are missing.

Q: My name has been misspelt on my timetable. What should I do?

A: We can rectify this problem very quickly. Please come to the Data and Exam office and we will amend our records. This will ensure that your certificate is correct.

Q: What do I do if there is a clash on my timetable?

A: Fearnhill School will re-schedule papers internally (on the same day) when there is a clash of subjects. Candidates will normally sit one subject paper followed by the second paper. If in doubt, contact the Data and Exams office.

Q: What do I do if I think I have the wrong paper?

A: Invigilators will ask you to check before the exam starts. If you think something is wrong, put your hand up and inform the invigilator immediately.

Q: What do I do if I forget my candidate number?

A: Candidate numbers are on the identification cards that will be on your desk. Invigilators will be able to help you find your number.

Q: What do I do if I forget the Fearnhill School Centre Number?

A: The Centre Number is 17415. It will be clearly displayed in the examination room. It is also on the identification card on your desk.

Q: What do I do if I have an accident or I am ill before the Exam?

A: Inform Fearnhill School at the earliest possible point so we can help or advise you (01462 621200). In the case of an accident that means you are unable to write, it may be possible to provide you with a scribe to write your answers but we will need as much prior notice as possible. You may need to obtain medical evidence (from your GP or hospital) if you wish us to make an appeal for special considerations on your behalf.

Q: What is an appeal for special consideration?

A: Special consideration is an adjustment to the marks or grades of a candidate who is eligible for consideration. The allowance for special consideration is from 0% (consideration given but mark allowance not appropriate) up to a maximum 5% (reserved for exceptional cases). Parents should be aware that any adjustment is likely to be small and no feedback is every provided. Candidates will only be eligible for special consideration if they have been fully prepared and covered the whole course but performance in the exam or in the production of

coursework is affected by adverse circumstances beyond their control. Examples of such circumstances may be illness, accident or injury, bereavement, domestic crisis. The Data and Exams Manager must be informed immediately so that the necessary paperwork can be completed (within 7 days of the last exam session for each subject) and the candidate will be required to provide evidence to support such an application.

Q: What do I do if I feel ill during the examination?

A: Put your hand up and an invigilator will assist you. You should inform an invigilator if you feel ill before or during an exam and you feel this may have affected your performance.

Q: If I am late can I still sit the examination?

A: Provided you are not more than one hour late, it may still be possible for you to sit the exam. You should get to school as quickly as possible and report to reception. A member of staff will escort you to the examination room. You must not enter an examination room without permission.

You should also be aware that if you start the exam more than 30 minutes after the published starting time, the school is obliged to inform the Examination Board and it is possible that the board may decide not to accept your work. Please ensure that you allow enough time to get to school so that if you are delayed, e.g. through transport problems, you will still arrive on time.

Q: If I miss the examination can I take it on another day?

A: No. Timetables are regulated by the exam boards and you must attend on the given date and time.

Q: Do I have to wear school uniform?

A: Yes. Normal school regulations apply to uniform, hair, jewellery, make-up, etc.

Q: What equipment should I bring for my examinations?

- For most exams you should bring at least 2 pens (black ink only).
- For science exams you will need at least 2 HB pencils.
- For mathematic exams pencil must be used for diagrammatic work.
- For some exams you will need a calculator, a 30cm ruler (marked with cm and mm), eraser, compass, protractor, coloured pencil crayons (not gel pens).
- You are responsible for providing your own equipment for exams.
- You must NOT attempt to borrow equipment from another candidate during the exam.

Q: What items are NOT allowed in the examination room?

A: Only authorised material is permitted in the examination room and students who are found to have any material with them that is not allowed will be reported to the relevant examination board. In such circumstances, a student would normally be disqualified from the paper or subject concerned. If in doubt, ask!

Bags and coats and any other items not permitted under JCQ Examination Regulations must be left outside of the examination room, preferably in your locker. Do not bring any valuables into school when you attend for an exam.

No food is allowed in the exam room. However, drinks bottles are allowed and these should be transparent with a spill-proof cap. There should be no label on the bottle.

Q: Why can't I bring my mobile telephone into the examination room?

A: Being in possession of a mobile telephone (or any other electronic communication device, e.g. iPod, MP3/4 Players, headphones, smartwatch) is regarded as cheating and is subject to severe penalty from the awarding bodies.

Q: How do I know how long the examination is?

A: The length of the exam is shown in minutes on your individual timetable under the heading 'duration'. Invigilators will tell you when to start and finish the exam. They will write the start and finish time of the exam on a flip chart or board at the front of the examination room of the invigilators.

Q: Can I leave the examination room early?

A: It is a requirement of the exam boards that you must stay in the examination room for at least one hour after the published start item for the exam (or for the duration of the exam if it is less than one hour). It is not Fearnhill School's policy to allow candidates to leave the examination room early as this is disruptive to other candidates. A candidate may not leave the examination room without permission of the invigilators.

Q: What do I do if the fire alarm goes off?

A: The invigilators will tell you what to do. If you have to evacuate the room, leave everything on your desk and leave the room in silence. You must not attempt to communicate with any other candidate during the evacuation.

Q: Can I go to the toilet during the exam?

A: If it is absolutely necessary. You will be escorted by an invigilator and will not be allowed any extra time.

Q: If I have more than one exam on a day, can I get lunch?

A: Students who have exams in both morning and afternoon sessions may obtain lunch from the dining hall in the usual way or bring a packed lunch.

Q: What do I do if I do not get the grades I need?

A: If you feel strongly that it is necessary to make an enquiry about result you should first consult the Head of Department to obtain their advice. You should be aware that your mark could go down as well as up or even stay the same. Review requests must be submitted to the Data and Exams office via the Head of Department. You must complete a Candidate Consent Form and return it with the monies to cover the cost. We have a policy covering the review process; please contact the data and exams office if you wish to see it.

Information for candidates

Written examinations

With effect from 1 September 2024

**This document has been written to help you.
Read it carefully and follow the instructions.**

If there is anything you do not understand, especially which calculator you may use, ask your teacher.

A. Regulations – Make sure you understand the rules

- 1 Be on time for all your exams. If you are late, your work might not be accepted.
- 2 **Do not** become involved in any unfair or dishonest practice during the exam.
- 3 If you try to cheat, or break the rules in any way, you could be disqualified from all your exams.
- 4 You **must not** take into the exam room:
 - (a) notes;
 - (b) AirPods, Earphones/Earbuds, an iPod, a mobile phone, a MP3/4 player or similar device, a watch, smart glasses or any other smart device.

Any pencil cases taken into the exam room **must** be see-through.

Remember: possession of unauthorised material is breaking the rules, even if you do not intend to use it, and you will be subject to penalty and possible disqualification.

- 5 If you have a watch, the invigilator will ask you to hand it to them.
- 6 **Do not** use correcting pens, fluid or tape, erasable pens, highlighters or gel pens in your answers.
- 7 **Do not** talk to or try to communicate with, or disturb other candidates once you have entered the exam room.
- 8 You **must not** write inappropriate, obscene or offensive material.
- 9 If you leave the exam room unaccompanied by an invigilator before the exam has finished, you **will not** be allowed to return.
- 10 **Do not** borrow anything from another candidate during the exam.

B. Information – Make sure you attend your exams and bring what you need

- 1 Know the dates and times of all your exams. Arrive at least ten minutes before the start of each exam.
- 2 If you arrive late for an exam, report to the invigilator running the exam.
- 3 If you arrive more than one hour after the published starting time for the exam, you may not be allowed to take it.
- 4 Only take into the exam room the pens, pencils, erasers and any other equipment which you need for the exam.
- 5 You **must** write clearly and in black ink. Coloured pencils or inks may only be used for diagrams, maps, charts, etc. unless the instructions printed on the front of the question paper state otherwise.

C. Calculators, dictionaries and computer spell-checkers

- 1 You may use a calculator unless you are told otherwise.
- 2 If you use a calculator:
 - (a) make sure it works properly; check that the batteries are working properly;
 - (b) clear anything stored in it;
 - (c) remove any parts such as cases, lids or covers which have printed instructions or formulae;
 - (d) **do not** bring into the exam room any operating instructions or prepared programs.

D. Instructions during the exam

- 1 Always listen to the invigilator. Always follow their instructions.
- 2 Tell the invigilator at once if:
 - (a) you think you have not been given the right question paper or all of the materials listed on the front of the paper;
 - (b) the question paper is incomplete or badly printed.
- 3 Read carefully and follow the instructions printed on the question paper and/or on the answer booklet.
- 4 **Do not** start writing anything until the invigilator tells you to fill in all the details required on the front of the question paper and on the answer booklet. **Do not** open the question paper until you are told that the exam has begun.

- Remember to write your answers within the designated sections of the answer booklet.
- Do your rough work on the proper exam stationery. Cross it through and hand it in with your answers.
Make sure you add your candidate details to any additional answer sheets that you use, including those used for rough work.

E. Advice and assistance

- If on the day of the exam you feel that your work may be affected by ill health or any other reason, tell the invigilator.
- Put up your hand during the exam if:
 - you have a problem and are not sure about what you should do;
 - you do not feel well;
 - you need more paper.
- You must** not ask for, and will not be given, any explanation of the questions.

F. At the end of the exam

- If you have used more than one answer booklet and/or any supplementary answer sheets, place them in the correct order.
Place any loose additional answer sheets inside your answer booklet. Make sure you add your candidate details to any additional answer sheets that you use. For CCEA examinations, any loose additional answer sheets should be placed **behind** your script.
- Do not** leave the exam room until told to do so by the invigilator.
- Do not** take any stationery from the exam room. This includes the question paper, answer booklets used or unused, rough work or any other materials provided for the exam.

Information for candidates

On-screen tests

With effect from 1 September 2024

**This document has been written to help you.
Read it carefully and follow the instructions.**

If there is anything you do not understand ask your teacher.

A. Regulations – Make sure you understand the rules

- 1 Be on time for your on-screen test(s). If you are late, your work might not be accepted.
- 2 **Do not** become involved in any unfair or dishonest practice during the on-screen test.
- 3 If you try to cheat, or break the rules in any way, you could be disqualified from all your exams.
- 4 Only take into the exam room the materials and equipment which are allowed.
- 5 You **must not** take into the exam room:
 - (a) notes;
 - (b) AirPods, Earphones/Earbuds, an iPod, a mobile phone, a MP3/4 player or similar device, a watch, smart glasses or any other smart device.

Unless you are told otherwise, you **must not** have access to:

- (c) the internet, email, data stored on the hard drive, or portable storage media such as floppy disks, CDs and memory sticks;
- (d) pre-prepared templates.

Remember: possession of unauthorised material is breaking the rules, even if you do not intend to use it, and you will be subject to penalty and possible disqualification.

- 6 If you have a watch, the invigilator will ask you to hand it to them.
- 7 **Do not** talk to or try to communicate with or disturb other candidates once you have entered the exam room.
- 8 If you leave the exam room unaccompanied by an invigilator before the on-screen test has finished, you **will not** be allowed to return.
- 9 **Do not** borrow anything from another candidate during the on-screen test.

B. Information – Make sure you attend your on-screen test and bring what you need

- 1 Know the date and time of your on-screen test(s). Arrive at least ten minutes before the start of your on-screen test.
- 2 If you arrive late for an on-screen test, report to the invigilator running the test.
- 3 If you arrive more than one hour after the published starting time for the on-screen test, you may not be allowed to take it.
- 4 Your centre will inform you of any equipment which you may need for the on-screen test.

C. Calculators, dictionaries and computer spell-checkers

- 1 You may use a calculator unless you are told otherwise.
- 2 If you use a calculator:
 - (a) make sure it works properly; check that the batteries are working properly;
 - (b) clear anything stored in it;
 - (c) remove any parts such as cases, lids or covers which have printed instructions or formulae;
 - (d) **do not** bring into the examination room any operating instructions or prepared programs.
- 3 **Do not** use a dictionary or computer spell checker unless you are told otherwise.

D. Instructions during the on-screen test

- 1 Always listen to the invigilator. Always follow their instructions.
- 2 Tell the invigilator at once if:
 - (a) you have been entered for the wrong on-screen test;
 - (b) the on-screen test is in another candidate's name;
 - (c) you experience system delays or any other IT issues.
- 3 You may be given a question paper or the instructions may be on screen. In either case, read carefully and follow the instructions. **Do not** open the question paper until you are told that the exam has begun.

E. Advice and assistance

- 1 If on the day of the on-screen test you feel that your work may be affected by ill health or any other reason, tell the invigilator.
- 2 Put up your hand during the on-screen test if:
 - (a) you have a problem with your computer and are not sure what you should do;
 - (b) you do not feel well.
- 3 You **must not** ask for, and will not be given, any explanation of the questions.

F. At the end of the on-screen test

- 1 Ensure that the software closes at the end of the on-screen test.
- 2 If you are required to print off work outside the time allowed for the on-screen test, ensure that you collect your own work. You **must not** share your work with other candidates. Make sure that another candidate does not collect your printout(s).
- 3 **Do not** leave the exam room until told to do so by the invigilator.
- 4 **Do not** take any stationery from the exam room. This includes rough work, printouts or any other materials provided for the on-screen test.

While we like to share our experiences online, when it comes to exams, we have to be careful.

- Sharing ideas online can be helpful when you're studying or revising
- However, sharing certain information (see information on the right) can break the rules and could affect your results
- If you're not sure what you can and can't discuss online, check with your teacher
- If you receive exam content on social media, you must tell your teacher
- Don't be caught out by scammers selling fake exam papers



Things to do on social media:

- Have fun
- Be responsible
- Report any exam content you see to your teacher

Things not to do on social media:

- Buy/sell or share exam content
- Pass on rumours of what's in exams
- Share your work
- Work with others so that your coursework is not your own independent work

If you do any of the above activities, you may:

- Receive a written warning
- Lose marks
- Be disqualified from a part of or all of your qualifications
- Be banned from taking assessments for a number of years



Please take the time to familiarise yourself with the JCQ rules: jcq.org.uk/exams-office/information-for-candidates-documents



What is AI?

- AI stands for artificial intelligence and using it is like having a computer that thinks
- AI tools like ChatGPT or Snapchat My AI can write text, make art and create music by learning from data from the internet, but watch out – they can also make things up and be biased



How can AI be misused in assessments?

AI misuse is when you take something made using AI and say it's your own work.

THIS IS CHEATING!



How do I make sure I don't misuse AI?



1 Know the rules

- You're **not allowed** to use AI tools when you're in an exam
- Your teachers will tell you if you're allowed to use AI tools when doing your coursework – the rules will depend on your qualification
- Even if you're allowed to use AI tools, you can't get marks for content just produced by AI – your marks come from showing your own understanding and producing your own work

2 Reference reference reference!

- If you're allowed to use AI tools, you must reference them clearly
- Name the AI tool you used
 - Add the date you generated the content
 - Explain how you used it
 - Save a screenshot of the questions you asked and the answers you got

3 Declare it's all your own work

– When you hand in your assessment, you have to sign a declaration. Anything without a reference must be all your own work. If you've used an AI tool, don't sign the declaration until you're sure you've added all the references

What happens if I misuse AI?

If you've misused AI, you could lose your marks for the assessment – you could even be disqualified from the subject.

DON'T RISK IT!



REMEMBER
Misusing AI is cheating!

Know the rules
Talk to your teachers
Reference clearly

Information for candidates

Coursework assessments

Effective from 1 September 2024

This document tells you about some things that you **must** and **must not** do when you are completing coursework.

When you submit your work for marking, you will be asked to sign an authentication statement confirming that you have read and followed these regulations.

If there is anything that you do not understand, you **must** ask your teacher.

In some subjects you will have an opportunity to do some independent research into a topic. The research you do may involve looking for information in published sources such as textbooks, encyclopedias, journals, TV, radio and on the internet.

You can demonstrate your knowledge and understanding of a subject by using information from sources or generated from sources which may include the internet and AI. Remember, though, information from these sources may be incorrect or biased. You **must** take care how you use this material - you **cannot** copy it and claim it as your own work.

The regulations state that:

'the work which you submit for assessment **must** be your own';

'you **must not** copy from someone else or allow another candidate to copy from you'.

If you use the same wording as a published source, you **must** place quotation marks around the passage and state where it came from. This is called 'referencing'. You **must** make sure that you give detailed references for everything in your work which is not in your own words. A reference from a printed book or journal should show the name of the author, the year of publication and the page number, for example: (Morrison, 2000, p29).

For material taken from the internet, your reference should show the date when the material was downloaded and **must** show the precise web page, not the search engine used to locate it. This can be copied from the address line. For example: http://news.bbc.co.uk/onthisday/hi/dates/stories/october/28/newsid_2621000/2621915.stm, downloaded 5 February 2025.

Where computer-generated content has been used (such as an AI Chatbot), your reference **must** show the name of the AI bot used and should show the date the content was generated. For example: ChatGPT 3.5 (<https://openai.com/blog/chatgpt/>), 25/01/2025. You **must** submit a copy of the computer-generated content with your work for reference and authentication purposes.

You may be required to produce a bibliography at the end of your work. This **must** list the full details of publications you have used in your research, even where these are not directly referred to, for example: Curran, J. *Mass Media and Society* (Hodder Arnold, 2005).

If you copy the words, ideas or outputs of others and do not show your sources in references and a bibliography, this will be considered as cheating.

Preparing your coursework – good practice

If you receive help and guidance from someone other than your teacher, you **must** tell your teacher. They will then record the nature of the assistance given to you.

Your parent/carer may provide you with access to resource materials and discuss your coursework with you. However, they **must not** give you direct advice on what should or should not be included.

If you worked as part of a group on an assignment, you **must** each write up your own account of the assignment. Even if the data you have is the same, the description of how that data was obtained and the conclusions you draw from it should be in your own words.

You **must** meet the deadlines that your teacher gives you. Remember – your teachers are there to guide you. Although they cannot give you direct assistance, they can help you to sort out any problems before it is too late.

Take care of your work and keep it safe. **Don't** leave it lying around where your classmates can find it. **Don't** share it with anyone, including posting it on social media. You **must always** keep your work secure and confidential. If it is stored on the computer network, keep your password secure. Collect all copies from the printer and destroy those you do not need.

Don't be tempted to use any pre-prepared or generated online solutions and try to pass them off as your own work – this is cheating. Electronic tools used by awarding bodies can detect this sort of copying.

You **must not** write inappropriate, offensive or obscene material.

Plagiarism

Plagiarism involves taking someone else's words, thoughts, ideas or outputs and trying to pass them off as your own. **It is a form of cheating which is taken very seriously.**

Don't think you won't be caught; there are many ways to detect plagiarism.

- Markers can spot changes in the style of writing and use of language.
- Markers are highly experienced subject specialists who are very familiar with work on the topic concerned - they may have read the source you are using, or even marked the work you have copied from!
- Internet search engines and specialised computer software can be used to match phrases or pieces of text with original sources. They can detect changes in the grammar and style of writing or punctuation.

Penalties for breaking the regulations

If it is discovered that you have broken the rules, one of the following penalties will be applied:

- you will be awarded zero marks for your work;
- you will be disqualified from that unit for that examination series;
- you will be disqualified from the whole subject for that examination series;
- you will be disqualified from all subjects and barred from entering again for a period of time.

The awarding body will decide which penalty is appropriate.

REMEMBER – IT'S YOUR QUALIFICATION SO IT NEEDS TO BE YOUR OWN WORK

Information for candidates

Non-examination assessments

Effective from 1 September 2024

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When you submit your work for marking, the awarding body will normally require you to sign an authentication statement confirming that you have read and followed the regulations.

If there is something that you do not understand, you **must** ask your teacher.

Preparing your work — good practice

If you receive help and guidance from someone other than your teacher, you **must** tell your teacher. They will then record the assistance given to you.

If you worked as part of a group on an assignment, for example undertaking field research, you **must** write up your own account of the assignment. Even if the data you have is the same, you **must** describe in your own words how that data was obtained. You **must draw your own conclusions from the data**.

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Research and using references

In some subjects you will have an opportunity to do some independent research into a topic.

The research you do may involve looking for information in published sources such as textbooks, encyclopedias, journals, TV, radio and on the internet.

You can demonstrate your knowledge and understanding of a subject by using information from sources or generated from sources which may include the internet and AI. Remember, though, information from these sources may be incorrect or biased. You **must** take care how you use this material - you cannot copy it and claim it as your own work.

Using information from published sources (including the internet) as the basis for your assignment is a good way to demonstrate your knowledge and understanding of a subject. You **must** take care how you use this material though - you **cannot** copy it and claim it as your own work.

The regulations state that:

'the work which you submit for assessment **must** be your own';

'you **must not** copy from someone else or allow another candidate to copy from you'.

When producing a piece of work, if you use the same wording as a published source, you **must** place quotation marks around the passage and state where it came from. This is known as **referencing**. You **must** make sure that you give detailed references for everything in your work which is not in your own words. A reference from a printed book or journal should show the name of the author, the year of publication and the page number, for example: Morrison, 2000, p29.

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You may be required to include a bibliography at the end of your piece of written work. Your teacher will tell you whether this is necessary. Where required, your bibliography **must** list the full details of publications you have used in your research, even where these are not directly referred to, for example: Curran, J. *Mass Media and Society* (Hodder Arnold, 2005).

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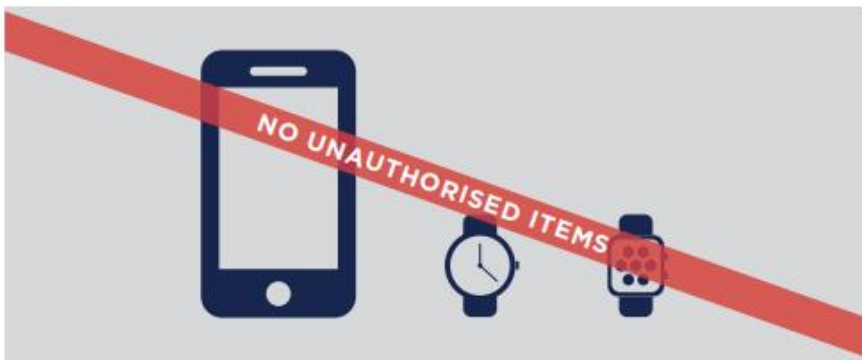
- the piece of work will be awarded zero marks;
- you will be disqualified from that component for the examination series in question;
- you will be disqualified from the whole subject for that examination series;
- you will be disqualified from all subjects and barred from entering again for a period of time.

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NO MOBILE PHONES NO WATCHES

NO POTENTIAL TECHNOLOGICAL/WEB
ENABLED SOURCES OF INFORMATION



Possession of unauthorised items, such as a mobile phone or any watch, is a serious offence and could result in

DISQUALIFICATION

from your examination and your overall qualification.

This poster must be displayed in a prominent place outside each examination room.

AQA	City & Guilds	CCEA	OCR	Pearson	WJEC
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Warning to candidates

1. You **must** be on time for all your examinations.
2. **Possession of a mobile phone** or other unauthorised material **is not allowed** even if you do not intend to use it. You will be subject to penalty and possible disqualification from the exam/qualification.
3. You **must not** talk to, attempt to communicate with or disturb other candidates once you have entered the examination room.
4. You **must** follow the instructions of the invigilator.
5. You **must not** sit an examination in the name of another candidate.
6. You **must not** become involved in any unfair or dishonest practice in any part of the examination.
7. If you are confused about anything, only speak to an invigilator.

The *Warning to candidates* must be displayed in a prominent place outside each examination room. This may be a hard copy A3 paper version or an image of the poster projected onto a wall or screen for all candidates to see.

Effective from 1 September 2021

Reviews of marking - centre assessed marks

(GCSE controlled assessments, GCE coursework, GCE and GCSE non-examination assessments and Project qualifications)

Fearnhill School is committed to ensuring that whenever its staff mark candidates' work this is done fairly, consistently and in accordance with the awarding body's specification and subject-specific associated documents.

Fearnhill School ensures that all centre staff follow a robust policy regarding the management of non-examination assessments including controlled assessments and coursework. This policy details all procedures relating to the qualifications delivered at Fearnhill School, including the marking and quality assurance/internal standardisation processes which relevant teaching staff are required to follow.

Candidates' work will be marked by staff who have appropriate knowledge, understanding and skill, who have been trained in this activity and do not have any potential conflicts of interest. If AI tools have been used to assist in the marking of candidates' work, they will not be the sole marker. Fearnhill School is committed to ensuring that work produced by candidates is authenticated in line with the requirements of the awarding body. Where more than one subject teacher/tutor is involved in marking candidates' work, internal moderation and standardisation will ensure consistency of marking.

On being informed of their centre assessed marks, if a candidate believes that the above procedures were not followed in relation to the marking of their work, or that the assessor has not properly applied the marking standards to their marking, then the candidate may make use of the appeals procedure below to consider whether to request a review of the centre's marking.

Fearnhill School will:

1. ensure that candidates are informed of their centre assessed marks so that they may request a review of the centre's marking before marks are submitted to the awarding body
2. inform candidates that they will need to explain on what grounds they wish to request a review of an internally assessed mark as a review will only focus on the quality of work submitted
3. inform candidates that they may request copies of materials (generally as a minimum, a copy of the marked assessment material (work) and the mark scheme or assessment criteria plus additional materials which may vary from subject to subject) to assist them in considering whether to request a review of the centre's marking of the assessment
4. having received a request for copies of materials, promptly make them available to the candidate within 2 working days where possible. This will either be the originals viewed under supervised conditions or copies
5. inform candidates they will not be allowed access to original assessment material, including artefacts, unless supervised

6. provide candidates with sufficient time, normally at least five working days, to allow them to review copies of materials and reach a decision
7. provide a clear deadline for candidates to submit a request for a review of the centre's marking. Requests will not be accepted after this deadline. Requests must be made in writing within 5 working days of receiving copies of the requested materials by completing the internal appeals form and candidates must explain on what grounds they wish to request a review
8. allow 2 working days for the review to be carried out, to make any necessary changes to marks and to inform the candidate of the outcome, all before the awarding body's deadline for the submission of marks
9. ensure that the review of marking is conducted by an assessor who has appropriate competence, has had no previous involvement in the assessment of that candidate for the component in question and has no personal interest in the outcome of the review
10. instruct the reviewer to ensure that the candidate's mark is consistent with the standard set by the centre
11. inform the candidate in writing of the outcome of the review of the centre's marking

The outcome of the review of the centre's marking will be made known to the head of centre who will have the final decision if there is any disagreement on the mark to be submitted to the awarding body. A written record of the review will be kept and made available to the awarding body upon request.

The awarding body will be informed if the centre does not accept the outcome of a review.

The moderation process carried out by the awarding body may result in a mark change, either upwards or downwards, even after an internal review. The internal review process is in place to ensure consistency of marking within the centre, whereas moderation by the awarding body ensures that centre marking is in line with national standards. The mark submitted to the awarding body is subject to change and should therefore be considered provisional.