



Ark Greenwich
Free School

Public Examinations, NEAs, Controlled Assessments and Coursework

Information for Parents and Students

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Introduction

Exams are a crucial part of your life and Ark Greenwich Free School will make every effort to ensure you receive the best possible preparation, that the administrative arrangements run smoothly and that exams are conducted in a way that will make the experience stress-free and successful. Your forthcoming exams can influence what you do in the future, so it is very important to us that you have as much information as possible.

This handbook aims to be informative and helpful to you and your parents/guardian. It also contains Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) formal notices that are required by regulation, therefore please read this handbook carefully.

If you or your parents/guardian have any queries, need help or advice at any time before, during or after the exams, please contact the Exams Officer, your Head of Year or Head of Department.

We wish you the best of luck in all your forthcoming exams.



Mr Spiers
Headteacher



Mrs Boyer
Exams Officer

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Before Exams

Exam boards and exams series

GFS use the following examination boards: AQA, Pearson Edexcel and OCR. There is only one external examination series during the academic year taking place in May/June (Summer).

Exam Regulations

Copies of the JCQ Warning to Candidates, Information for Candidates and Mobile Phone notices are printed at the back of this handbook. Breaking any rules or regulations could lead to disqualification from units or subjects and you receiving an 'X' for that exam. Make sure you are aware of what is expected of you.

Exam Candidate Number and Centre Number

You will be issued with a four-digit exam candidate number which must be written on all answer booklets and additional sheets together with the School's Centre Number: 10682. Neglecting to include this information may result in delays to receiving your examination results from the exam boards.

Warm-up Sessions

You will be expected to attend an hour long warm-up session prior to each public exam. The majority of these will be held in the Sports Hall. Each warm up session is led and facilitated by subject teachers. These sessions ensure that you enter the exam room ready to do your best. Further details will be shared closer to the Summer.

Timetables

You will be issued with your personal exam timetable during the Spring term. Please check this carefully. If you have any queries, inform the Exams Officer immediately. You are responsible for knowing the dates and times of your exams. AM exams always begin at 9:00am, whilst PM exams start at 1:30pm. You must be present to enter the exam Hall no later than 15 minutes before the exam start time to ensure there are no delays to the starting of an exam.

The lengths of examination papers vary and they may not finish until after the School's finishing time. You and your parents/guardian should be aware of this and make appropriate arrangements for getting home, as candidates will not be allowed out of an exam early for any reason.

Exam Clashes

If you have two or more exams timetabled at the same time, one exam will follow on after the other unless the total time is more than three hours. If the total time exceeds three hours you will be offered a short supervised break before beginning the next examination.

The Exams Officer will inform you if you have an examination clash and confirm in writing your individual clash arrangements.

Access Arrangements

If you have been granted access arrangements in your examinations, this will already be confirmed by the SENDCo. These arrangements must be part of your normal way of working.

During Exams

Dress Code

Full school uniform and correct dress code is required for all examinations. If you arrive for an exam in incorrect uniform you run the risk of not being permitted to sit that exam.

Personal Belongings

Bags, coats and personal belongings will not be allowed into the exam room, you should only bring the equipment needed for your exam into the main hall. All other items must be left in your locker or the designated bag room.

Seating Plans

Seating plans will be posted outside the exam room before each exam commences and are listed in Candidate Exam Number order. You must check the plan before you enter the room to ensure you are in the correct seat. It is imperative that you sit in the correct seat allocated to you for your specific exam or you may be given the wrong paper.

Exam Conditions

You are under strict exam conditions from the time you enter the exam room until the time all candidates have exited the exam hall. This means that you should not communicate with any other candidates in any way whilst inside of the exam hall.

Late Arrival

If you are aware that you have got the timing of your examination wrong and are either running late or have missed the starting time, you should contact the School immediately and get a message to the Attendance Officer. Once you arrive at School you must wait at reception to be escorted to your examination. The School will do its utmost to ensure you are able to sit the exam in the full allocated time. Be aware that exam boards may not accept work from candidates who arrive very late.

Be Prepared

- Examinations start at 9:00am and 1:30pm. Make sure you arrive at the exam room 15 minutes prior to the start of each exam and wait quietly outside until invited to enter by a member of staff.
- It is your responsibility to ensure that you have all the necessary equipment with you. The School is under no obligation to provide equipment during examinations. All items of equipment, pens, pencils, mathematical instruments, etc. should be visible to the invigilator at all time. Pencil cases must be see-through.
- Pens should be black ink or black ballpoint. Correcting pens, fluid or tape, erasable pens (e.g. Frixion pens), highlighters or gel pens are not allowed.
- You must remove your wrist watches, placing them on your desk, making sure that any watch alarms are turned off.
- You must listen carefully to instructions and notices read out by the invigilator as there may be amendments to the question paper.
- Check you have the correct question paper –subject, unit and tier.
- Read all instructions carefully and number your answers clearly.
- Once instructed to write your name, exam candidate number and centre number on all answer booklets and additional sheets.

Calculators

You must be responsible for making sure that your calculator meets the exam boards' regulations and that it is in good working order.

<p>Calculators must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">o of a size suitable for use on the desk;o either battery or solar powered;o free of lids, cases and covers which have printed instructions or formulas. <p>The candidate is responsible for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">o the calculator's power supply;o the calculator's working condition;o clearing anything stored in the calculator.	<p>Calculators must not:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• be designed or adapted to offer any of these facilities: -<ul style="list-style-type: none">o language translators;o symbolic algebra manipulation;o symbolic differentiation or integration;o communication with other machines or the internet;• be borrowed from another candidate during an examination for any reason;• have retrievable information stored in them - this includes:<ul style="list-style-type: none">o databanks;o dictionaries;o mathematical formulas;o text.
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Malpractice (Cheating) and Unauthorised Materials

Potential technological / web enabled sources of information such as an iPod, a mobile phone, a MP3 / MP4 player, a smartwatch or a wrist watch which has a data storage device must not be brought into the exam room even if they are switched off and/or you do not intend to use them.

Other forms of malpractice include:

- Being in possession of unauthorised materials eg. revision notes, books or papers
- Communicating with other candidates (verbally or non-verbally)
- Copying from other candidates
- Sitting an exam in the name of another candidates

Any form of malpractice including possession of unauthorised material is a very serious offence and you will be subject to penalty and possible disqualification under JCQ Suspected Malpractice Procedures.

Food and Drink

No food or drink is allowed in the exam room except for bottled water. Bottles should be transparent and must have labels removed. Chewing gum and mints are not allowed.

At the End of an Exam

You must complete the candidate details (full legal name, candidate exam number, centre number) on the exam/question paper where required.

At the end of the exam all work must be handed in – remember to cross out any rough work. If you have used more than one answer booklet or additional sheets put these in the correct order and

insert them into your answer booklet once your candidate number and the exam centre number 10682 have been clearly written on each sheet.

Invigilators will collect your question papers and completed answer booklets before you leave the room. Absolute silence must be maintained during this time. Remember, you are still under exam conditions until you have left the room.

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

You must remain seated until told to leave. Please leave the room in silence when instructed, one row at a time, and show consideration to other candidates who may still be working.

Invigilators

You are expected to behave in a respectful and polite manner towards the invigilators and follow their instructions at all times.

Invigilators are in the exam room to supervise the conduct of the exam. They will distribute and collect question papers and answer booklets and deal with any problems that may occur during the exam eg. if you feel unwell.

Invigilators cannot give explanations of questions.

Put your hand up if you need to speak to an invigilator.

If you are disruptive or behave in an unacceptable manner, you will be removed from the exam room and dealt with accordingly.

Absence from Exams

Any student who is absent from any examination will automatically receive zero marks for the missed exam, resulting in a grade based only on those elements of the examination which have been completed. In exceptional circumstances the Exams Officer will contact the examination board to apply for Special Consideration.

Special Consideration is a small post-examination adjustment to a candidate's mark or grade to reflect temporary illness, temporary injury or some other event outside of the candidate's control at the time of the assessment, which has had, or is reasonably likely to have had, a material effect on a candidate's ability to take an assessment or demonstrate her or his normal level of attainment in an assessment.

If you are unwell or have been affected by circumstances outside your control at the time of your exam but feel able to sit it, inform the Exams Officer immediately. Special Considerations may be applied for in some cases with adequate evidence.

If you are unable to attend an exam due to illness or some other serious reason, your parent/guardian must contact the school absence line before 7:50am and e-mail the Exams Officer, Head of Year or Safe Guarding Officer on the day of exam stating the events that will lead to a missed examination. Evidence such as a criminal reference number or Doctor's note must be provided within a week of the missed examination, stating your reason for absence, specific dates and that you were unfit to take the exam.

Remember - Special Consideration requests are often turned down by examination boards. Special Consideration adjustments are only granted for serious events that may impact upon a candidate at the time of the examination.

Misreading your timetable is not an acceptable reason for absence.

Emergencies

If the fire alarm sounds during an exam, the invigilators will tell you what to do. Don't panic! If you have to evacuate the room, you will be asked to leave in silence and in the order in which you are sitting. Leave everything on your desk. You will be escorted to a designated assembly point. 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. You will be allowed the full duration for the exam and a report will be sent to the exam board detailing the incident. Anyone who talks to other candidates during an evacuation may face disqualification from the exam.

After Exams

Notification of Results

Results for the May/June (Summer) series will be available to collect in person from the School on Thursday 20th August 2020. Timings and the process for collection will be communicated to you nearer the date.

If you wish a relative or friend to collect your results, the collector must have a signed letter of authority from you. Results will not be shared over the phone or via e-mail.

It is strongly recommended that you keep your statement of results for future reference. They are particularly useful for completing college and UCAS applications.

Post Results

It must be remembered that examinations can only measure performance on the day, and that you can do better or worse than anticipated for a variety of reasons. It is advisable to discuss any results concerns with subject teachers, heads of department or the Exams Officer on the day of collection. A decision may be made to request a copy of your examination script or in extreme circumstances request for a review of marking from the examination board.

It is always important to consider that candidate marks can go down as well as up upon a review of marking. If your grade changes following an Enquiry about Results; your new grade will supersede your previous one permanently. Therefore in order for a review of marking to be requested from the exam board it is necessary for the school to gain written consent from you, the candidate, ideally within a week from receiving your results. If you want to request to have any papers re-viewed or scripts returned the relevant form will be available on results day and can be collected from the Exams Officer. These requests are often expensive; costs for requests made by individuals are covered by the candidate.

Once requests are submitted to examination boards, it can take up to 20 days for papers to be reviewed. You, the candidate will be contacted once the School receives the outcome of your Enquiry About Results.

Certificates

Certificates will arrive in school in November 2020. If you wish a relative or friend to collect your certificates, the collector must have a signed letter of authority from you.

Remember your certificates are extremely important documents and must be kept safe. If you lose or damage your certificates you will need to contact each examination board to purchase replacements.

Coursework, Controlled Assessments and Non-Examination Assessments

Coursework, controlled assessments and non-examination assessments (NEA) are also subject to JCQ rules and regulations. Ark Greenwich Free School will ensure that your work is marked by staff who have appropriate knowledge, understanding and skill, and who have been trained in this activity. To ensure consistency in marking across subjects, work is moderated and standardised internally.

You **must** make yourself familiar with the notices in this handbook. If there is anything you do not understand, *please* discuss this with your subject teacher.

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 copy the works or ideas of others and don't show your sources in references and a bibliography, this will be considered cheating.

Remember – it's your qualification so it needs to be your own work.

You will be informed of your centre assessed marks so that you may request a review of the centre's marking before marks are submitted to the awarding body.

After your work has been internally assessed, you will be given your mark, but not grade. It is then moderated by the awarding body to ensure consistency in marking between different schools. The moderation process may lead to mark changes. This process is outside the control of Ark Greenwich Free School.

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**NO IPODS, MOBILE PHONES
MP3/4 PLAYERS
SMARTWATCHES**

**NO POTENTIAL TECHNOLOGICAL/WEB
ENABLED SOURCES OF INFORMATION**

Possession of unauthorised items, such as a mobile phone, 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.



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Warning to Candidates

1. You **must** be on time for all your examinations.
2. You **must not** become involved in any unfair or dishonest practice in any part of the examination.
3. You **must not**:
 - sit an examination in the name of another candidate;
 - have in your possession any unauthorised material or equipment which might give you an unfair advantage.
4. **Possession of a mobile phone** or other 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. You **must not** talk to, attempt to communicate with or disturb other candidates once you have entered the examination room.
6. You **must** follow the instructions of the invigilator.
7. If you are in any doubt speak to the 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 2014

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Information for candidates
For written examinations – effective from 1 September 2019

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 subjects.
4	You must not take into the exam room: a) notes ; b) potential technological/web enabled sources of information such as an iPod, a mobile phone, a MP3/4 player or similar device, a smartwatch or a wrist watch which has a data storage device. 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 wear a wrist watch the invigilator will ask you to remove it and place it on your desk.
6	Do not use correcting pens, fluid or tape, erasable pens, highlighters or gel pens in your answers.
7	Do not talk to or try to communicate with, or disturb other candidates once the exam has started.
8	You 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 formulas; d) do not bring into the exam room any operating instructions or prepared programs.
3	Do not use a dictionary or computer spell checker unless you are told otherwise.
D Instructions during the exam	
1	Always listen to the invigilator. Follow their instructions at all times.
2	Tell the invigilator at once if: a) you think you have not been given the right question paper or all of the materials listed on the front of the paper; b) the question paper is incomplete or badly printed.
3	Read carefully and follow the instructions printed on the question paper and/or on the answer booklet.
4	When the invigilator tells you , fill in all the details required on the front of the question paper and/or the answer booklet before you start the exam. Make sure you fill these details in on any additional answer sheets that you use.
5	Remember to write your answers within the designated sections of the answer booklet.
6	Do your rough work on the proper exam stationery. Cross it through and hand it in with your answers. Make sure you add your candidate details to any additional answer sheets that you use for rough work.
E Advice and assistance	
1	If on the day of the exam you feel that your work may be affected by ill health or any other reason, tell the invigilator.
2	Put up your hand during the exam if: a) you have a problem and are in doubt about what you should do; b) you do not feel well; c) you need more paper.
3	You must not ask for, and will not be given, any explanation of the questions.
F At the end of the exam	
1	If you have used more than one answer booklet and/or any supplementary answer sheets, place them in the correct order. Place any loose additional answer sheets inside your answer booklet. Make sure you add your candidate details to any additional answer sheets that you use.
2	Do not leave the exam room until told to do so by the invigilator.
3	Do not take from the exam room any stationery. This includes the question paper, answer booklets used or unused, rough work or any other materials provided for the exam.



Information for Candidates

Information About You and How We Use It

You have entered general or vocational qualifications such as GCSE, A-level, functional skills qualifications etc with one or more of the awarding bodies listed above. In order to be able to provide examinations and assessments, the awarding body needs to collect and use information about you. This notice provides you with a high level summary of the information the awarding body is required by law to give you about of what happens to that information. For more detail see each awarding body's full Privacy Notice:

AQA	https://www.aqa.org.uk/about-us/privacy-notice
CCEA	http://ccea.org.uk/legal/privacy_policy
City & Guilds	https://www.cityandguilds.com/help/help-for-learners/learner-policy
NCFE	https://www.ncfe.org.uk/legal-information
OCR	https://www.ocr.org.uk/about/our-policies/website-policies/privacy-policy/
Pearson	https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/about-us/qualification-brands/gdpr.html
WJEC	https://www.wjec.co.uk/about-us/data-protection/WJEC%20Privacy%20Notice.pdf

Who we are and how to contact us

Each awarding body is a separate organisation. Your school or examination centre will be able to confirm to you which awarding body is delivering each qualification you are undertaking and you will receive a statement confirming what qualifications you have been entered for and which awarding body. You will find links to each awarding body's website and information on how to contact them here: www.jcq.org.uk/contact-us/contact-details-for-jcq-and-members.

Information about you and from where it is obtained

Each awarding body whose qualifications you enter will need to use a variety of information about you. This includes obvious identification details such as your name, address, date of birth and your school or examination centre. It also includes information about your gender, race and health, where appropriate. This information is provided by you or your parents/guardians and/or by your school or examination centre.

Each awarding body will create certain information about you such as a candidate number, examination results and certificates.

You will find further information about this in the awarding bodies' full Privacy Notice (see links above) or by contacting the awarding body (see above).

What happens to the information about you

The awarding bodies use the information about you to deliver the examinations and assessments which you have entered. This includes making a variety of arrangements for you to sit the examinations or assessments, marking, providing you and your school or centre with results and certificates. The awarding bodies also use some of the information about you for equality monitoring and other statistical analysis.

The awarding bodies may share information about your results with official bodies such as the Department for Education and the examinations regulators (eg Ofqual in England) and also relevant local authorities and the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS). An awarding body may also use information about you to investigate cheating and other examination malpractice and will share information about malpractice with other awarding bodies.

The awarding bodies take the security of the information about you that they hold seriously.

You will find further, technical information about what the awarding bodies do with information about you, why and the legal basis in the awarding bodies' full Privacy Notice, which can be accessed here (see links on page one) or by contacting the awarding body (see above).

Your rights

The law gives you a number of rights in relation to the information about you that the awarding bodies holds. Those rights are:

- Access – you are entitled to ask each awarding body about the information it holds about you.
- Rectification – you are entitled to ask each awarding body to correct any errors in the information that it holds about you.
- Erasure – in certain circumstances you are entitled to ask each awarding body to erase the information about you that it holds.
- Object to or restrict processing – in certain circumstances you are entitled to ask each awarding body to stop using information about you in certain ways.
- Complain – you are entitled to complain to the Information Commissioner (the body regulating the use of personal information) about what each awarding body does with information about you.

You will find further information about your rights in relation to information about you in the awarding bodies' full Privacy Notice, which can be accessed here (see links on page one) or by contacting the awarding body (see above).

How long the information about you is held

Each awarding body retains information about you only for as long as it is needed. Some of the information is needed only during the period in which you are undertaking the examination or assessment and is securely destroyed a short while afterwards. Other information about you, such as your name, gender, address, qualification and subjects entered and the results, are held indefinitely and for at least 40 years.

Each awarding body has its own retention policy that sets out what information it retains, how it is retained and for how long. You can find out more about retention policies by contacting each awarding body (see above).

How to find out more about the information about you that the awarding bodies use

To find out more about the information about you that the awarding bodies collect and use, including what happens to that information why, you can review the awarding bodies' full Privacy Notice, which can be accessed here (see links on page one) or contact the awarding body. You will find links to each awarding body's website and information on how to contact them here: www.jcq.org.uk/contact-us/contact-details-for-jcq-and-members.

Please note

It is important to note that this notice concerns only how the awarding bodies use information about you (called your "personal data"). Complaints about how an awarding body handles your personal data can be made to the Information Commissioner (www.ico.org.uk). Information about the examinations and assessment themselves, including the rules about assessments, can be found on the JCQ Exams Office pages (www.jcq.org.uk/exams-office). The awarding bodies are regulated by Ofqual (<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ofqual>) in England; Qualifications Wales (www.qualificationswales.org) in Wales, and the Council for the Curriculum, Examinations and Assessment (<http://ccea.org.uk/regulation>) in Northern Ireland.

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Information for candidates For on-screen tests – effective from 1 September 2019

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 subjects.
4	Only take into the exam room the materials and equipment which are allowed.
5	<p>You must not take into the exam room:</p> <p>a) notes; b) potential technological/web enabled sources of information such as an iPod, a mobile phone, a MP3/4 player or similar device, a smartwatch or a wrist watch which has a data storage device.</p> <p>Unless you are told otherwise, you must not have access to:</p> <p>c) the Internet, e-mail, data stored on the hard drive, or portable storage media such as floppy disks, CDs and memory sticks; d) pre-prepared templates.</p> <p>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.</p>
6	If you wear a wrist watch the invigilator will ask you to remove it and place it on your desk.
7	Do not talk to or try to communicate with or disturb other candidates once the on-screen test has started.
8	If you leave the exam room unaccompanied by an invigilator before the on-screen test has finished, you will not be allowed to return.
9	Do not borrow anything from another candidate during the on-screen test.
B 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	<p>If you use a calculator:</p> <p>a) make sure it works properly; check that the batteries are working properly; b) clear anything stored in it; c) remove any parts such as cases, lids or covers which have printed instructions or formulas; d) do not bring into the examination room any operating instructions or prepared programs.</p>
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. Follow their instructions at all times.
2	<p>Tell the invigilator at once if:</p> <p>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 irregularities.</p>
3	You may be given a question paper or the instructions may be on-screen. In either case, read carefully and follow the instructions.
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	<p>Put up your hand during the on-screen test if:</p> <p>a) you have a problem with your computer and are in doubt about what you should do; b) you do not feel well.</p>
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 from the exam room any stationery. This includes rough work, printouts or any other materials provided for the on-screen test.



This notice has been produced on behalf of:

AQA, OCR, Pearson and WJEC

Information for candidates: non-examination assessments

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

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 these regulations.

If there is anything 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 who will then record the nature of the assistance given to you.

If you worked as part of a group on an assignment, for example undertaking field research, you must each 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 and **you must independently draw your own conclusions from the data.**

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. Do not leave it lying around where your classmates can find it. You must always keep your work secure and confidential whilst you are preparing it; do not share it with your classmates. 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.

Do not be tempted to use pre-prepared on-line solutions — this is cheating. Electronic tools used by awarding bodies can detect this sort of copying.

You must not write inappropriate, offensive or obscene material.

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.

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 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, pg.29.

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://www.geocases2.co.uk/rural1.htm> downloaded 5 February 2020.

You may be required to include a bibliography at the end of your piece of written work. Your teacher will tell you whether a bibliography 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).

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

Plagiarism

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

Do not think you will not 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 or seen 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 and to detect changes in the grammar and style of writing or punctuation.

Penalties for breaking the regulations

If your work is submitted and it is discovered that you have broken the regulations, one of the following penalties will be applied:

- 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.

The awarding body will decide which penalty is appropriate.

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Information for candidates – coursework assessments

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

When you submit any coursework 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.

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(<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/16/sosteacher/history/49766.shtml>), downloaded 5 February 2019.

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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 and 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.

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Information for candidates Using social media and examinations/assessments



Image by Patrice Jones

This document has been written to help you stay within examination regulations. Please read it carefully.

We all like to share our experiences when taking examinations. However, it is important to consider what you say and to think about what information is being shared.

Sharing ideas with others online could be helpful when you're studying or revising.

However, there are limits to the amount of information you can share and you need to be careful not to break the rules. We'd like to ask you to act responsibly when discussing online. If you're in doubt about what you can and can't discuss online regarding your exams, it's always best to check with your teacher.

If you receive what is or what looks to be assessment related information through social media, or any other means, you must tell your teacher or another member of staff. You must show them what you have received (if available). They will then report the matter to the awarding body and it will be investigated.

Where candidates breach the rules for examinations, controlled assessments, coursework or non-examination assessments, awarding bodies have an obligation to investigate and may apply penalties.



Image by Ben Wight

You should be aware that the following constitute malpractice:

- copying or allowing work to be copied – i.e. posting written work on social networking sites prior to an examination/assessment;
- collusion: working collaboratively with other candidates beyond what is permitted;
- allowing others to help produce your work or helping others with theirs;
- being in possession of confidential assessment related information in advance of the examination;
- exchanging, obtaining, receiving (even if not requested) or passing on assessment related information by any means of communication (even if just attempting to);
- failing to report to your centre assessment related information being shared online; or
- passing on rumours of exam content.

Penalties that awarding bodies apply include:

- a written warning;
- the loss of marks for a section, component or unit;
- disqualification from a unit, all units or qualifications; or
- a ban from taking assessments or exams for a set period of time.

Please take the time to familiarise yourself with the JCQ rules:

<http://www.jcq.org.uk/exams-official-information-for-candidates-documents>

