



# THE HOLMEWOOD

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## Exams Policy 2021/22

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This policy document is one of a series of policies that, taken together, are designed to form a comprehensive, formal statement of the Holmewood School London's aspiration to provide an outstanding education for every one of its students and the mechanisms and procedures in place to achieve this. Accordingly, this Policy needs to be read alongside all of these Policies in order to get the full picture; in particular it should be read in conjunction with *the Equality Policy, the Health and Safety Policy, the Promoting British Values Policy and the Safeguarding & Child Protection Policy*.

All of these policies have been written, not simply to meet statutory and other requirements, but to evidence the work that the whole School is undertaking to ensure the implementation of its core values.

Acceptance  
Self-determination  
Positivity  
Integrity  
Respect  
Excellence

In all Holmewood School policies, unless the specific context requires otherwise, the word "parent" imparts the meaning parent, guardian, carer or any other person in whom is vested the legal duties and responsibilities of a child's primary caregiver.

The Holmewood School London employs the services of the following consulting companies to ensure compliance is met and best practice is implemented

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## Purpose of the policy

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

This exam policy will ensure that:

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

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

This policy will be communicated to all relevant centre staff.

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It will be also available to view on the School website for parents and candidates.

## Roles and responsibilities overview

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

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

The head of centre may not appoint themselves as the examinations officer. A head of centre and an examinations officer are two distinct and separate roles. (GR 2)

### **Head of centre responsibilities**

**The head of centre is the individual who is accountable to the awarding bodies for ensuring that the centre is always compliant with the published JCQ regulations and awarding body requirements to**

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**ensure the security and integrity of the examinations/assessments. It is the responsibility of the head of centre to ensure that all staff comply with the instructions in this booklet. Failure to do so may constitute malpractice as defined in the JCQ publication *Suspected Malpractice: Policies and Procedures, 1 September 2021 to 31 August 2022*:**

### Head of centre

- Understands the contents, refers to and directs relevant centre staff to annually updated JCQ publications including:
  - [General Regulations for Approved Centres](#) (GR)
  - [Instructions for Conducting Examinations](#) (ICE)
  - [Access Arrangements and Reasonable Adjustments](#) (AA)
  - [Suspected Malpractice - Policies and Procedures](#) (SM)
  - [Instructions for conducting non-examination assessments](#) (NEA) (and the instructions for conducting coursework)
  - [A guide to the special consideration process](#) (SC)
- Ensures the centre has appropriate accommodation to support the size of the cohorts being taught including appropriate accommodation for candidates requiring access arrangements for exams and assessments
- Head of Centre/SLT confirms the qualification of Assessor Mary Gallagher and the proof of this certificate is located in THSL staff share>Exams and Assessments>Access Arrangements>Central File Note>Assessor Qualification

### National Centre Number Register

- Takes responsibility for confirming, on an annual basis, that they are both aware of and adhering to the latest version of the JCQ's regulations. This confirmation is managed as part of the National Centre Number Register (NCNR) annual update
- Understands that this responsibility cannot be delegated to a member of the senior leadership team or the examinations officer, and acknowledges that failure to respond to the NCNR annual update, and/or the head of centre's declaration, will result in:
  - the centre status being suspended
  - the centre not being able to submit examination entries
  - the centre not receiving or being able to access question papers and ultimately, awarding bodies could withdraw their approval of the centre

### Recruitment, selection and training of staff

- Retains a workforce of an appropriate size and competence, including sufficient managerial and other resources, to undertake the delivery of the qualification as required by an awarding body. This includes taking reasonable steps to ensure occupational competence where this is required for the assessment of specific qualifications
- Provides fully qualified teachers to mark non-examination assessments, and/or fully qualified assessors for the verification of centre-assessed components
- Enables the relevant senior leader(s), the examinations officer (EO) and the Specialist Teacher/SENCo to receive appropriate training and support in order to facilitate the effective delivery of examinations and assessments within the centre, and ensure compliance with the published JCQ regulations
- Appoints a Specialist Teacher/SENCo who will determine appropriate arrangements for candidates with learning difficulties and disabilities

## Internal governance arrangements

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

### Escalation Process

If the Exam Officer is not on site, then the appointed SLT staff member will run Exam Day. If the Supportive SLT staff member is also off site then the next appointed SLT/Exam team member will run Exams Day. This agreement is agreed should the Escalation Process take a place.

- Has in place a member of the senior leadership team who will provide support and guidance to the examinations officer and ensure that the integrity and security of examinations and assessments is maintained throughout an examination series
- Ensures centre staff undertake key tasks within the exams process and meet internal deadlines set by the EO
- Makes sure that a teacher, a tutor or a senior member of centre staff who teaches the subject being examined, is not an invigilator during the examination

## Delivery of qualifications

- Delivers qualifications, as required by the awarding body, in accordance with relevant equality legislation. This includes but is not limited to ensuring that qualifications are made available to all candidates capable of undertaking them and seeking reasonable adjustments for disabled candidates
- Enables candidates to receive sufficient and up to date laboratory experience, or relevant training where required by the subject concerned
- Where/if using a third party to deliver any part of a qualification at the centre:
  - maintains oversight of, and responsibility for, the delivery of the qualification in accordance with JCQ regulations and awarding body requirements
  - has in place a written agreement with the third party ensuring that a copy of the written agreement is available for inspection if requested by the awarding body

## Public liability

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

## Security of assessment materials

- Takes all reasonable steps to maintain the integrity of the examinations/assessments, including the security of all assessment materials, by ensuring:
  - the location of the centre's secure storage facility in a secure room solely assigned to examinations for the purpose of administering secure examination materials
  - the secure room only contains exam-related material

- there are between two and six keyholders only, each of whom must fully understand their responsibilities as a key holder to the secure storage facility
- access to the secure room and secure storage facility is restricted to the authorised two to six keyholders and staff named and approved by the head of centre are accompanied by a keyholder at all times
- appropriate arrangements are in place to ensure that confidential materials are only handed over to authorised members of centre staff
- the relevant awarding body is immediately informed if the security of question papers or confidential supporting instructions is put at risk
- that when it is permitted to remove question papers from secure storage, and to avoid potential breaches of security, arrangements are in place to carefully check and record that the correct question paper packets are opened
- Makes arrangements to receive, check and store question papers and examination material safely and securely at all times and for as long as required in accordance with the current JCQ publication Instructions for conducting examinations
- Makes arrangements to receive and issue material received from the awarding bodies to staff and candidates, and notify them of any advice and instructions relevant to the examinations and assessments
- Allows candidates access to relevant pre-release materials on, or as soon as possible after, the date specified by the awarding bodies
- Through taking an ethical approach and working proactively to avoid malpractice among students and staff takes all reasonable steps to prevent the occurrence of any malpractice/maladministration before, during the course of and after examinations have taken place
- Ensures any person involved in administering, teaching or completing examinations/assessments is advised that where malpractice is suspected, or alleged, personal data about them will be provided to the awarding body (or bodies) whose examinations/assessments are involved. Personal data about them may also be shared with other awarding bodies, the qualifications regulator or professional bodies in accordance with the JCQ publication *Suspected malpractice – Policies and procedures*
- Ensures irregularities are investigated and informs the awarding bodies of any cases of alleged, suspected or actual incidents of malpractice or maladministration, involving a candidate or a member of staff, are reported to the awarding body immediately
- Ensures risks to the exam process are assessed and appropriate risk management processes/contingency plans are in place (that allow the senior leadership team to act immediately in the event of an emergency or staff absence)

### Exam Contingency Plan

Exam Contingency Plan is located in THSL Staff share>Exams and Assessments>Exams>Exams 2021-2022>Policies>Exam Contingency Plan

## Lockdown Policy (Exams)

Lockdown Policy is located in THSL Staff share>Exams and Assessments> Exams>Exams 2021-2022>Lockdown Policy

- Ensures required internal appeals procedures are in place and drawn to the attention of candidates and (where relevant) their parents/carers

## Internal Appeals Procedures

Internal Appeals Procedures is located in THSL Staff share>Exams and Assessments>Exams>Exams 2021-2022>Policies>Internal Appeals Procedures

Internal Appeals Procedure (Internal Assessment decisions)

GR 5.7

Internal Appeals procedure (Reviews of Results/Appeals)

GR 5.1

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

## Equalities Policy

Equalities Policy is located in THSL Staff share>Exams and Assessments>Exams>Exams 2021-2022>Policies>Equality Policy

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

## Complaints and Appeals Procedure (Exams)

Complaints and appeals Procedure is located in THSL Staff share>Exams and Assessments>Exams>Exams 2021-2022>Policies>Complaints and Appeals Procedure

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

## Child Protection/Safeguarding Policy (Exams)

Child Protection/Safeguarding Policy is located in THSL Staff share>Exams and Assessments>Exams>Exams 2020-2021>Policies>Child Protection/Safeguarding Policy

*Please note that all our invigilators are our own employed TA who take part in Child Protection/Safeguarding training on annual basis)*

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

## Data Protection Policy (Exams)

Data Protection Policy is located in THSL Staff Share>Exams and Assessments>Exams>Exams 2020-2021>Policies >Data Protection Policy

Additionally, The Holmewood school will, on a written/verbal request of a parent/carer with parental responsibility, share candidate's results and other exam related information. This will be clearly recorded for further evidence.

It is the responsibility of the **head of centre** to ensure that his/her centre... has in place the following policies available for inspection... a written data protection policy (GR 5.3)

The centre will... ensure that all candidate data where required by the awarding body has been supplied to the awarding bodies within the terms of the General Data Protection Regulation, the Data Protection Act 2018 and the Freedom of Information Act 2000, and that candidates have been properly informed that this data has been transferred to the awarding bodies (see section 6, for more information)... (GR 5.8)

### Legislation on sharing information

Under the principles of the General Data Protection Regulations 2018 and the Data Protection Act 2018, children and young adults can assume control over their personal information and restrict access to it from the age of 13. This suggests that candidate consent should be sought to share results or other exams-related information with a third party.

Other legislation and guidance may need to be taken into account regarding sharing information with parents, as example information from the DfE for schools regarding parental responsibility and school reports on pupil performance:

- Understanding and dealing with issues relating to parental responsibility  
[www.gov.uk/government/publications/dealing-with-issues-relating-to-parental-responsibility/understanding-and-dealing-with-issues-relating-to-parental-responsibility](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dealing-with-issues-relating-to-parental-responsibility/understanding-and-dealing-with-issues-relating-to-parental-responsibility)
- School reports on pupil performance  
[www.gov.uk/guidance/school-reports-on-pupil-performance-guide-for-headteachers](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/school-reports-on-pupil-performance-guide-for-headteachers)

### Publication of exam results

Refer to ICO (Information Commissioner's Office) [Schools, universities and colleges](#) information and [Exam results](#)

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

## Access Arrangements Policy

Access Arrangements Policy is located in THSL Staff Share>Exams and Assessments>Exams>Exams 2021-2022>Policies >Access Arrangements Policy

## Conflicts of interest Policy (Exams)

- Ensures other relevant centre staff where they may be involved in the receipt and dispatch of confidential exam materials are briefed on the requirements for maintaining the integrity and confidentiality of the exam materials
- Ensures members of centre staff do not forward emails and letters from awarding body or JCQ personnel without prior consent to third parties or upload such correspondence onto social media sites and applications
- Ensures members of centre staff do not advise parents/candidates to contact awarding bodies/JCQ directly nor provide them with addresses/email addresses of awarding body examining/assessment personnel or JCQ personnel

The Holmewood school asks all members to sign this protocol of Declaration of conflict by using set up Google form. The evidence of this can be located on THSL Staff share>Exams and Assessments>Exams>Exams 2021-2022>Files>Declaration of Conflict

## Centre inspections

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

## Exams officer

- Understands the contents of annually updated JCQ publications including:
  - [General Regulations for Approved Centres](#)
  - [Instructions for Conducting Examinations](#)
  - [Suspected Malpractice - Policies and Procedures](#)
  - [Post-results services \(PRS\)](#)
  - [A guide to the special consideration process](#)
- Completes/submits the National Centre Number Register annual update (administered on behalf of the JCQ member awarding bodies by OCR <https://ocr.org.uk/administration/ncn-annual-update/>) by the end of October each year
- Is familiar with the contents of annually updated information from awarding bodies on administrative procedures, key tasks, key dates and deadlines
- Ensures key tasks are undertaken and key dates and deadlines met

- Exam officer, trains and deploys a team of internal/external invigilators; appoints lead invigilators, as required and keeps a record of the content of training provided to invigilators for the required period
- The Holmewood school keeps a record of any achieved certificates on the school system for future purposes.
- Works with the Specialist Teacher /SENCo to ensure invigilators supervising access arrangement candidates and those acting as a facilitator supporting access arrangement candidates fully understand the respective role and what is and what is not permissible in the exam room
- Supports the head of centre in ensuring that awarding bodies are informed (where required) of any conflict of interest declared by members of centre staff and in maintaining records that confirm the measures taken/protocols in place to mitigate any potential risk to the integrity of the qualifications affected before the published deadline for entries for each examination series.
- Briefs other relevant centre staff where they may be involved in the receipt and dispatch of confidential exam materials on the requirements for maintaining the integrity and confidentiality of the exam materials

#### Senior leaders

- Are familiar with the contents, refer to and direct relevant centre staff to annually updated JCQ publications including:
  - [General Regulations for Approved Centres](#)
  - [Instructions for Conducting Examinations](#)
  - [Access Arrangements and Reasonable Adjustments](#)
  - [Suspected Malpractice - Policies and Procedures](#)
  - [Instructions for conducting non-examination assessments](#) (and the instructions for conducting coursework)
  - [A guide to the special consideration process](#)

#### Specialist Teacher/Special educational needs co-ordinator (SENCo)

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

#### Senior leaders

- Ensure teaching staff undertake key tasks, as detailed in this policy, within the exams process (exam cycle) and meet internal deadlines set by the EO and Specialist Teacher/SENCo
- Ensure teaching staff keep themselves updated with awarding body subject and teacher-specific information to confirm effective delivery of qualifications
- Ensure teaching staff attend relevant awarding body training and update events

#### Teaching staff

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

#### Invigilators

- Attend/undertake training, update, briefing and review sessions as required

- Provide information as requested on their availability to invigilate
- Sign a confidentiality and security agreement and confirm whether they have any current maladministration/malpractice sanctions applied to them

#### Reception staff

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

#### Site staff

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

#### Candidates

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

## The exam cycle

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

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

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

## Planning: roles and responsibilities

### Information sharing

#### Head of centre

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

#### Exams officer

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

### Information gathering

#### Exams officer

- Undertakes an annual information gathering exercise in preparation for each new academic year to ensure data about all qualifications being delivered is up to date and correct
- Collates all information gathered into one central point of reference
- Researches awarding body guidance to identify administrative processes, key tasks, key dates and deadlines for all relevant qualifications

- Produces an annual exams plan of key tasks and key dates to ensure all external deadlines can be effectively met; informs key centre staff of internal deadlines
- Collects information on internal exams to enable preparation for and conduct of (insert the titles these internal exams are referred to in the centre)

#### Senior leaders

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

#### Access arrangements

##### Head of centre

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

##### Specialist Teacher

- Assesses candidates (or works with the appropriately qualified assessor as appointed by the head of centre) to identify access arrangements/reasonable adjustments requirements
- Gathers **evidence** to support the need for access arrangements for a candidate
- Liaises with teaching staff to gather evidence of **normal way of working** of an affected candidate
- Determines candidate eligibility for arrangements or adjustments that are centre-delegated
- Gathers signed Personal data consent, Privacy Notice (AAO) and Data Protection confirmation forms (from candidates where required)
- Applies for **approval** through Access arrangements online (AAO) via the Centre Admin Portal (CAP), where required or through the awarding body where qualifications sit outside the scope of AAO
- Keeps a file for each candidate for JCQ inspection purposes containing all the required documentation (if documentation is stored electronically, an e-folder must be created for each individual candidate. The candidate's e-folder must hold each of the required documents for inspection)
- Employs good practice in relation to the Equality Act 2010
- Liaises with the EO regarding exam time arrangements for access arrangement candidates
- Ensures staff appointed to facilitate access arrangements for candidates are appropriately trained and understand the rules of the particular arrangement(s) and keeps a record of the content of training provided to facilitators for the required period
- Works with the EO to ensure invigilators and those acting as a facilitator fully understand the respective role and what is and what is not permissible in the exam room
- Provides and annually reviews a centre policy on the **use of word processors** in exams and assessments

## Word Processor Policy (Exams)

Words Processor Policy is located in THSL Staff share>Exams and assessments>Exams>Exams 2021-2022>Policies>Word Processor Policy

- Ensures criteria for candidates granted **separate invigilation within the centre** is clear, meets JCQ regulations and best meets the needs of individual candidates and remaining candidates in main exam rooms

## Separate Invigilation Policy

- an Invigilator training is annually provided an update to all members of staff that meets the requirements as well as the parents.
- The training is provided by The Exam Office via online course and it's rewarded with a certification which is then stored on our school's system by the Administration team.
- After completion of the course all the Invigilators have to sign a 'Completion list' to declare that the course has been done by them. This is also dated as a reminder to when is the next annual update course due. (An evidence of this is stored on the Exams 2021-2022.)
- Please refer to the Access Arrangement policy detailing roles of Separate Invigilation

The SENCo must make their decision based on:

- whether the candidate has a substantial and long term impairment which has an adverse effect; and
- the candidate's normal way of working within the centre.

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

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

The SENCo, or an equivalent member of staff within a FE college, must ensure that the proposed access arrangement does not disadvantage or advantage the candidate. (AA 4.2.1)

A candidate may only take their examinations under separate invigilation within the centre where he/she has an **established difficulty** - see section 5.16 of the JCQ publication *Access Arrangements and Reasonable Adjustments*...

Where candidates are subject to separate invigilation within the centre, the regulations and guidance within this booklet must always be adhered to. This is particularly so in relation to accommodation and invigilation arrangements (see sections 11 and 12). (ICE 14)

## Senior leaders, Teaching staff

- Support the Specialist Teacher/SENCo in determining and implementing appropriate access arrangements/reasonable adjustments
- Provide a statement for inspection purposes which details the criteria the centre uses to award and allocate word processors for examinations

## Internal assessment and endorsements

### Head of centre

## Controlled assessments, coursework and non-examination assessments

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

### Non-examination Assessment Policy

Non-examination Assessment Policy is located in THSL Staff share>Exams and Assessments>Exams>Exams 2021-2022>Policies>Non-examination Assessment Policy

The centre will... have in place and be available for inspection purposes, a **written** policy with regard to the management of GCE and GCSE non-examination assessments; (For CCEA GCSE centres this would be a **written** controlled assessments policy.) (GR 5.7)

The JCQ requires each centre to have a non-examination assessment policy in place:

- to cover procedures for planning and managing non-examination assessments;
- to define staff roles and responsibilities with respect to non-examination assessments;
- to manage risks associated with non-examination assessments.

A JCQ Centre Inspector will ask the examinations officer to confirm that such a policy is in place. The guidance provided in this document will help the head of centre to ensure that the centre's policy is fit for purpose. The policy will need to cover all types of non-examination assessment.

Additionally, each centre must have available for inspection an internal appeals procedure relating to internal assessment decisions. (NEA 1)

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

### Senior leaders

- Ensure teaching staff have the necessary and appropriate knowledge, understanding, skills, and training to set tasks, conduct task taking, and to assess, mark and authenticate candidates' work (including where relevant, private candidates)
- Ensure appropriate internal moderation, standardisation and verification processes are in place
- Ensure teaching staff delivering AQA Applied General qualifications, OCR Cambridge Nationals, Entry Level Certificate or Project qualifications (and CCEA

GCE unitised AS and A-level qualifications WJEC GCE legacy AS and A-level Health & Social Care) follow JCQ [Instructions for conducting coursework](#) and the specification provided by the awarding body

- Ensure teaching staff delivering GCE & GCSE specifications (which include components of non-examination assessment) follow JCQ [Instructions for conducting non-examination assessments](#) and the specification provided by the awarding body
- For other qualifications, ensure teaching staff follow appropriate instructions issued by the awarding body
- Ensure teaching staff inform candidates of their centre assessed marks as a candidate may request a review of the centre's marking before marks are submitted to the awarding body

#### Teaching staff

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

#### Exams officer

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

### Invigilation

#### Head of centre

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

#### Exams officer

- Recruits additional invigilators where required to effectively cover all exam periods/series' throughout the academic year
- Collects information on new recruits to identify if they have invigilated previously and if any current maladministration/malpractice sanctions are applied to them
- Provides training for new invigilators on the instructions for conducting exams and an annual update for the existing invigilation team so that they are aware of any changes in a new academic year before they are allocated to invigilate an exam
- Ensures invigilators supervising access arrangement candidates understand their role (and the role of a facilitator who may be supporting a candidate) and the rules and regulations of the access arrangement(s)
- Ensures invigilators are briefed on the access arrangement candidates in their exam room and made aware of the access arrangement(s) awarded (ensuring these candidates are identified on the seating plan) and confirms invigilators understand what is and what is not permissible

- Collects evaluation of training to inform future events

## Entries: roles and responsibilities

### Estimated entries

#### Exams officer

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

#### Estimated entries collection and submission procedure

The EO responds to requests for estimated entries from the awarding bodies. Subject teachers are asked to submit the estimated number of candidates. The EO processes this information via the awarding bodies' websites.

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

#### Senior leaders

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

### Final entries

#### Exams officer

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

#### Final entries collection and submission procedure

The EO requests final lists of candidates to be given to the exams office by email by January 30th. The EO enters the candidates via the awarding boarding website. The EO prints out copies of the submissions, and passes them onto the relevant HoDs to be checked for errors, signed and dated. Any cost incurred by failure to correct errors by the HoDs at the checking stage, will be charged to the department concerned.

#### Senior leaders

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

- Check final entry submission information provided by the EO and confirms information is correct

### Entry fees

The Holmewood School confirms that full-time students are to be entered for all appropriate examinations and assessments free of charge, provided that all required course and attendance criteria have been met. Where students do not fulfill obligations on a course, entry may not be made automatically and paid for by the school. In these circumstances, course tutors or the Deputy Head/Curriculum Lead will discuss the situation with students so they are fully in the picture. Decisions about entries will be made by curriculum teams, after further discussion with Deputy Head /SLT.

### Late entries

#### Exams officer

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

#### Senior leaders

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

### Re-sit entries

Parents will be responsible for paying any re-sit fees, unless this comes as a specific request from the school.

If you would like to resit an exam unit then students would be expected to pay for it unless there are extenuating circumstances. In which case, after authorisation from the Head Teacher/SLT the centre will incur the fees.

### Private candidates

Private candidates may sit the exam after consultation with the Exam's Department and SLT.

### Candidate statements of entry

#### Exams officer

- Provides candidates with statements of entry for checking

#### Teaching staff

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

#### Candidates

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

## Pre-exams: roles and responsibilities and reasonable adjustments

### Access arrangements

#### Specialist Teacher

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

### Briefing candidates

#### Exams officer

- Issues individual exam timetable information to candidates and informs candidates of any designated contingency day awarding bodies may identify in the event of national or significant local disruption to exams
- Prior to exams issues relevant JCQ information for candidates documents
- Where relevant, issues relevant awarding body information to candidates
- Issues centre exam information to candidates including information on:
  - exam timetable clashes
  - arriving late for an exam
  - absence or illness during exams
  - what equipment is/is not provided by the centre
  - food and drink in exam rooms
  - unauthorised items in exam rooms
  - when and how results will be issued and the staff that will be available
  - the post-results services and how the centre deals with requests from candidates
  - when and how certificates will be issued

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

Information about ATCs, EARs and appeals procedures are signposted to all candidates by the before the end of the Summer Term. On results day, it is emailed to all staff and tutors to share with the candidates and sent with results slips. Please see the Appeals Process for further information and guidance.

### Dispatch of exam scripts

#### Exams officer

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

## Estimated grades

### Senior leaders

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

### Exams officer

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

## Internal assessment and endorsements

### Head of centre

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

### Specialist Teacher/SENCo

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

### Teaching staff

- Support the ALS lead/SENCo in implementing appropriate access arrangements for candidates undertaking internal assessments and practical endorsements
- Assess and authenticate candidates' work
- Assess endorsed components
- Ensure candidates are informed of centre assessed marks prior to marks being submitted to awarding bodies

### Senior leaders

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

### Exams officer

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

### Candidates

- Authenticate their work as required by the awarding body

## Invigilation

### Exams officer

- Provides an annually reviewed/updated invigilator handbook to invigilators, trains new invigilators on appointment and updates experienced invigilators on any regulation changes and any changes to centre-specific processes
- Deploys invigilators effectively to exam rooms throughout an exam series (including the provision of a roving invigilator where a candidate and invigilator (acting as a practical assistant, reader or scribe) are accommodated on a 1:1 basis to enter the room at regular intervals in order to observe the conducting of

the exam, ensure all relevant rules are being adhered to and to support the practical assistant/reader and/or scribe in maintaining the integrity of the exam)

- Allocates invigilators to exam rooms (or where supervising candidates due to a timetable clash) according to the required ratios
- Liaises with the ALS lead/SENCo regarding the facilitation and invigilation of access arrangement candidates

#### Specialist Teacher/SENCo

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

#### Invigilators

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

### JCQ Centre Inspections

#### Exams officer or Senior leader

- Will accompany the Inspector throughout a visit

#### Specialist Teacher/SENCo or relevant Senior leader (in the absence of the Specialist Teacher/SENCo)

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

### Seating and identifying candidates in exam rooms

#### Exams officer

- Ensures a procedure is in place to verify candidate identity including private candidates

#### Candidate Identification Procedure

For all exams, a member of staff identifies candidates before the start of the exam. In the Hall and other exam rooms, each candidate has an identity card with their photograph, name and candidate number. If the invigilator is unsure about the identity of a candidate, they will contact the EO for verification. In the event of a candidate wearing religious clothing, such as a veil, the candidate is approached by a member of staff of the same gender and taken to a private room where they are politely asked to remove the religious clothing for identification purposes. Once identification has been established, the candidate replaces, for example, their veil and proceeds as normal to sit the examination.

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

#### Invigilators

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

## Security of exam materials

### Exams officer

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

### Reception staff

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

### Teaching staff

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

## Timetabling and rooming

### Exams officer

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

### Overnight Supervision Arrangements Policy

Due to being a specialist provision and having low numbers of pupils it is unlikely that we would need to implement the overnight supervision measure. However, if a situation arose and this needed to be considered, we would

adhere to guidance from the JCQ and ensure SLT, parents and staff are all aware of the plans in place. SLT, parents, students and relevant staff would sign documentation to ensure that this was understood. The pupil, as well as the integrity of the exam, are at the heart of all centre based decisions.

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

#### Specialist teacher/SENCo

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

#### Site staff

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

### Alternative site arrangements

#### Exams officer

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

### Centre consortium arrangements

#### Exams officer

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

#### Senior leaders

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

### Transferred candidate arrangements

#### Exams officer

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

## Internal exams

### Exams officer

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

### Specialist Teacher/SENCo

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

### Teaching staff

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

## Exam time: roles and responsibilities

### Access arrangements

#### Exams officer

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

### Candidate absence

#### Candidate Absence Policy

If a candidate is absent, the EO first checks if the candidate is registered on site. The EO also phones the parents/carers of a candidate. The reasons for the absence is established and the possibility of a late start for their exam or an application for special considerations is discussed.

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

If the candidate reports symptoms on the day before their arrival, they will be instructed to remain at home providing that Covid-19 test has been booked. EO will contact the exam board and follow next steps.

As it stands, on arrival, with Government Guidelines COVID-19, where a candidate is displaying symptoms of temperature at 38 Degrees or cough on the day of the exam, they will be immediately removed from the exam room, the exam paper will be collected and stored safely away.

#### Invigilators

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

## Candidates

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

## Candidate behaviour

See *Irregularities* below.

## Candidate belongings

See *Unauthorised items* below.

## Candidate early/late arrival

### Exams officer

- If a candidate arrives early, he/she is fully supervised by a trained Invigilator under direction of the exams office. This will ensure the Integrity of the examination is maintained.
- Ensures that candidates who arrive very late for an exam are reported to the awarding body by submitting a report on candidate admitted very late to examination room using CAP to timescale
- Warns candidates that their script may not be accepted by the awarding body

### Invigilators

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

### Candidate Late Arrival Policy

If a candidate arrives up to 30 minutes late for an exam, they will be briefed by the EO before entering the exam room. They may then sit down quietly and do their exam. In exceptional cases, candidates will be admitted up to one hour after the start of the exam, but will be warned that their paper may not be accepted by the awarding body. If there is time to accommodate a candidate who arrives over one hour late, the relevant forms will be completed and sent to the awarding body. The candidate will be warned their paper may not be accepted.

A candidate who arrives after the start of the examination may be allowed to enter the examination room and sit the examination. This is entirely at the discretion of the centre.

A candidate who arrives late, and is permitted by the centre to sit the examination, must be allowed the full time for the examination. (ICE 21)

## Conducting exams

### Head of centre

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

### Exams officer

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

## Dispatch of exam scripts

### Exams officer

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

## Exam papers and materials

### Exams officer

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

## Exam rooms

### Head of centre

- Ensures that internal tests, mock exams, revision or coaching sessions are not conducted in a room 'designated' as an exam room
- Ensures that when a room is 'designated' as an exam room it is not used for any purpose other than conducting external exams
- Ensures only approved centre staff (who have not taught the subject being examined) are present in exam rooms to perform permitted tasks
- Ensures the centre's policy relating to food and drink that may be allowed in exam rooms is clearly communicated to candidates
- Ensures the centre's policy on candidates leaving the exam room temporarily is clearly communicated to candidates

### Food and Drink Policy (Exams)

The only consumable allowed in exams is water in a transparent bottle with all labels removed.

### Leaving the Examination Room Policy

Candidates who are allowed to leave the examination room temporarily must be accompanied by a member of centre staff. This must not be the candidate's subject teacher or a subject expert for the examination in question. Those candidates may be allowed extra time at the discretion of the centre to compensate for their temporary absence. (ICE 23)

### Exams officer

- Ensures exam rooms are set up and conducted as required in the regulations
- Provides invigilators with appropriate resources to effectively conduct exams
- Briefs invigilators on exams to be conducted on a session by session basis (including the arrangements in place for any transferred candidates and access arrangement candidates)

- Ensures sole invigilators have an appropriate means of summoning assistance (if this is a mobile phone, instructs the invigilator that this must be on silent mode)
- Ensures invigilators understand they must be vigilant and remain aware of incidents or emerging situations, looking out for malpractice or candidates who may be in distress, recording any incidents or issues on the exam room incident log
- Ensures invigilators understand how to deal with candidates who may need to leave the exam room temporarily and how this should be recorded on the exam room incident log
- Provides authorised exam materials which candidates are not expected to provide themselves
- Ensures invigilators and candidates are aware of the emergency evacuation procedure
- Ensures invigilators are aware of arrangements in place for a candidate with a disability who may need assistance if an exam room is evacuated

#### Senior leaders

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

#### Emergency Evacuation Policy (Exams)

Emergency Evacuation Policy is located on file in THSL staff share>/Exams and Assessments>Exams>Exams 2020-2021>Emergency Evacuation Policy

When dealing with emergencies, staff must be aware of the centre's policy and, where appropriate, any instructions from relevant local or national agencies.

Reference should also be made to the following document:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/bomb-threats-guidance/procedures-for-handling-bomb-threats>

#### Site staff

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

#### Invigilators

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

#### Candidates

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

#### Irregularities

##### Head of centre

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

## Managing Behaviour Policy (Exams)

Any behaviour or malpractice will be recorded by the invigilator in the incident log provided for that purpose in the invigilation box. If appropriate it will be reposted to the Head of Centre and to the Awarding Body. Parents will be informed by the EO. The head of centre has the authority to remove a candidate from the examination room, but will only do so if the candidate would disrupt others by remaining in the room.

### Senior leaders

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

### Exams officer

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

### Invigilators

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

### Malpractice

See *Irregularities* above./Also Malpractice police on shared drive is available.

### Special consideration

#### Senior leaders

- Provide signed evidence to support eligible applications for special consideration

#### Exams officer

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

### Special Consideration Policy

If a candidate feels they have been disadvantaged while taking an exam, they should write to the EO stating why they were disadvantaged. If, after consultation with the invigilator and HoC, the appeal for special consideration is thought to be justified, the EO will make the appropriate application to the awarding body online. Candidates are advised that medical/professional certificates are normally required for special consideration

### Candidates

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

## Unauthorised items

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

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

Potential technological/web enabled sources of information such as... are not permitted... ideally, all unauthorised items are left outside of the examination room... any pencil cases taken into the examination room must be see-through... any unauthorised items that have been taken into the examination room must be placed out of reach of the candidates (and not under their desks) before the examination starts. This would normally be at the front of the examination room or a similar arrangement that enables the invigilator to control access to the items... If candidates have access to unauthorised items in the examination room this may be considered as malpractice. They could be subject to penalties in accordance with the JCQ publication *Suspected Malpractice in Examinations and Assessments: Policies and Procedures...*

The invigilator, prior to the examination starting, must ensure that candidates have removed their wrist watches.

### Invigilators

- Are informed of the arrangements through training

## Internal exams

### Exams officer

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

### Invigilators

- Conduct internal exams as briefed by the EO

## Results and post-results: roles and responsibilities

### Internal assessment

#### Senior leaders

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

### Managing results day(s)

#### Senior leaders

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

#### Exams officer

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

### Results day programme

Examination Office will share the results with candidates.  
 All students are sent an email directly into their school email account when their results are available to view in August 2022 after 8am.  
 On request students can be provided with ranking after the results day.  
 All grades and ranking are located in Google share Drive.  
 Parents of candidates taking GCSEs will receive information on this year's guidance on November sitting/ Summer sitting.  
 A clear guidance on appeals procedure will be made available to students prior to the Results day with attached JCQ guidance.  
 According to current guidance, if the adult with parental responsibility puts in verbal/written request to receive the candidates results, this will be granted and recorded that this action has taken place.

Please see more on [Data Protection Policy](#) and [Access to Scripts, Reviews of Results and Appeals Procedures](#)

### Site staff

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

### Accessing results

#### Head of centre

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

#### Exams officer

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

### Post-results services

#### Head of centre

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

#### Exams officer

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

#### Teaching staff

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

#### Candidates

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

#### Analysis of results

##### (Deputy Head Teacher)

- Provides analysis of results to appropriate centre staff
- Provides results information to external organisations where required
- Undertakes the secondary school and college (key stage 4/16-18) performance tables *June and September checking exercise* (where applicable)

#### Certificates

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

#### Certificate Issue Procedure and Retention Policy

Certificates are checked in by the EO as they arrive. They are collected until November and then handed directly to students who are required to sign a collection Sheet. On a special request, the certificates may be sent by registered mail to the candidates. Details of dispatch are kept in the Examination file.

#### Candidates

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

#### Exams review: roles and responsibilities

##### Exams officer

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

### Senior leaders

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

### Retention of records: roles and responsibilities

#### Exams officer

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

#### Exams Archiving Policy

Returned coursework is offered to teachers after the appeal date. If not required it will be destroyed after one year. Documents relation to SAAs are kept for 7 years in the secure archiving room. Paperwork relating to the actual exams, attendance registers, non-use of extra time forms, seating plans, USB and word processor documents, is kept in the exams office until the date of appeals has passed.

## Health and Safety

The Proprietors and Head Teacher believe that the health and safety of persons within the School is of paramount importance. It is our intent to prevent accidents and occupational ill health and where possible eliminate hazards in the workplace.

It is the intent of the Proprietor and Head Teacher to ensure that a safe and healthy environment is provided and maintained for all our students, employees and visitors. This will include the provision of safe systems of work both onsite and offsite, safe practice and equipment and a safe access to the premises. We will ensure that adequate information, instruction, training and supervision is provided to ensure that staff can carry out their work safely.

The Proprietor and Head Teacher will ensure that others who are affected by our activities are not subjected to risks to their health and safety. This will include students, visitors, parents, volunteers and contractors.

These responsibilities will be achieved by the establishment of an effective health and safety management system within the school. This will involve the implementation of arrangements for the effective planning, organisation, control, monitoring and review of preventative and protective measures

We believe that the health and safety standards will be maintained only with the cooperation of all staff, students and visitors to the school. We expect all staff to cooperate fully with this policy. In addition we will ensure that all students, visitors and contractors are provided with the information they require to enable them to comply. Please see The Holmewood School's full 'Health & Safety' policy here:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Deoc7QYH\\_aiaTbJfvn35qWcWaSRAk7PkZjlep-QLMW/edit?ts=5ee338fe](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Deoc7QYH_aiaTbJfvn35qWcWaSRAk7PkZjlep-QLMW/edit?ts=5ee338fe)

Our school has a first aid policy and an induction/training for new visitors takes place as a measure to ensure they are familiar with our health and safety procedures. For example, sometimes parents are trained as exam invigilators and so would need to be aware of our policies and procedures for keeping everyone healthy and safe. For exam purposes, the following policies exist to support the health and safety of everyone in school during, before and after the exam or mock series:

- Centre evacuation policy
- Examination Contingency Plan
- Lockdown policy
- GDPR exam policy
- We have a current whole school Covid risk assessment which is updated in light of new government guidance