INSTRUCTIONS FOR CANDIDATES

As an exam candidate you must ensure you are fully prepared for every exam you are taking. You need to understand the rules and what will happen at the time of your exam(s).

The rules in the video (https://youtu.be/SFhmWQazIAk) refer to sections of JCQ's **Information for candidates - written examinations 2025-2026**. The JCQ document has been written to help you – you should read it carefully and follow the instructions at the time of your exam(s).

At the time of your exam(s)

- ⓘ You must not enter the exam room until invited to do so by the invigilator/authorised member of staff
- ⓘ You are under formal examination conditions from the moment you enter the room in which you will be taking your exam(s) until the point at which you are permitted to leave

This means you must not talk to, attempt to communicate with or disturb other candidates once you have entered the examination room (If you do, this must be reported to the relevant awarding body)

Also you must not open the question paper until you are instructed by the invigilator that the exam can begin (If you do, this must be reported to the relevant awarding body)

Any breach of examination conditions is considered by the awarding bodies as malpractice*

- ⓘ You must listen to and follow the instructions given to you by the invigilator at all times
- ⓘ The centre number, subject title and paper code, the actual starting and finishing times, and date, of each exam will be clearly displayed and visible to you in the exam room, as well as the clock(s)

Before you are permitted to start your exam(s), the invigilator will:

- → make sure you are seated according to the set seating arrangements
- → tell you that you must now follow the regulations of the exam
- → ask you to check that you have been given the correct question paper for the day, date, time, subject, unit/component (and tier of entry, if appropriate) and to put up your hand if you think you have been given the wrong question paper
- → tell you to read the instructions on the front of the question paper
- → ask you to check that you have all the materials you need for the exam
- → tell you about any erratum notices (if applicable) and instruct you about emergency procedures
- → where applicable, ask you to check that you have the expected access arrangement(s)

The invigilator will also remind you that you must:

- → hand in any unauthorised items in your possession (this includes mobile phones and watches) if you have not already done so
  (This is your final chance. Failure to do so must be reported to the awarding body and may lead to disqualification)
- → fill in all the details needed on the front of your answer booklet (or question paper) in black ink
- → make sure you fill these details in on any additional answer sheets that you use
- → write clearly and in black ink, but you may use pencil for drawings and rough notes
- → write in the designated sections of the answer booklet
- → write all rough work in your answer booklet and neatly cross it through with a single line (for multiple-choice papers, you must do any rough work in the question booklet)

The invigilator will also remind you that you must not use correcting pens, fluid or tape, erasable pens, blotting paper and you must not use highlighters or gel pens in your answers.

The invigilator will:

- → remind you that you must not communicate in any way with, ask for help from or give help to another candidate while you are in the exam room
- → tell you when you may complete the details on the front of your answer booklet (You must only do this when the invigilator's announcement is made)
- → tell you when you may open the question paper and begin to write your answers
- → tell you the time allowed (the duration) of your paper(s)

The invigilator is not allowed:

- → to give you any information or answer any questions from you about the content of your exam paper unless it relates to the instructions on the front of the question paper
- → to give you any indication of the time elapsed or remaining for you to complete your exam paper

*Malpractice includes (but is not limited to): A breach of the instructions or advice of an invigilator, supervisor, or the awarding body in relation to the examination rules and regulations; Failing to abide by the conditions of supervision designed to maintain the security and integrity of the examinations; Disruptive behaviour in the examination room or assessment session (including use of offensive language); Introduction of unauthorised material into the examination room; Exchanging, obtaining, receiving, passing on information (or the attempt to) which could be assessment related by means of talking, electronic, written or non-verbal communication. Any candidate who fails to follow the rules may be subject to the indicative sanctions as detailed in the JCQ document **Suspected Malpractice: Policies and Procedures 2025-2026** (www.jcq.org.uk/exams-office/malpractice)

Summer Exams Timetable 2026

Vocational Real Exam Dates

W/C: Monday 2nd March

Date	Subject
MONDAY 02/03/2026	Art & Design Component 1 - All Day, Room: 1-28 (11 students)
TUESDAY 03/03/2026	Art & Design Component 1 - All Day, Room: 1-28 (11 students)
	Music Controlled Assessment - All Day, Room: 1-41 (17 students)
WEDNESDAY 04/03/2026	Art & Design Component 1 - All Day, Room: 1-28 (12 students)
	Design & Technology - All Day, Room: G-22 (Pd), 1-23 (Tx) (14 students)
THURSDAY 05/03/2026	Art & Design Component 1 - All Day, Room: 1-28 (12 students)
FRIDAY 06/03/2026	Music Controlled Assessment - All Day, Room: 1-41 (10 students)

W/C: Monday 23rd March

Date	Subject
TUESDAY 24/03/2026	Performing Arts - All Day, Room: Main Hall and 2-24 (14 students)
WEDNESDAY 25/03/2026	Performing Arts - All Day, Room: Main Hall and 2-24 (14 students)

Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April
Easter Holiday

W/C: Monday 13th April

Date	Subject
THURSDAY 16/04/2026	Art & Design Component 2 - Lesson 2, 3 & 4 only, Room: GS-5 (23 students)

W/C: Monday 20th April

Date	Subject
MONDAY 20/04/2026	Art & Design Component 2 - All Day, Room: 1-28 (11 students)
TUESDAY 21/04/2026	Art & Design Component 2 - All Day, Room: 1-28 (11 students)
WEDNESDAY 22/04/2026	Art & Design Component 2 - All Day, Room: 1-28 (12 students)
THURSDAY 23/04/2026	Art & Design Component 2 - All Day, Room: 1-28 (12 students)
FRIDAY 24/04/2026	Performing Arts Written Exam - All Day, Room: GS-5 (14 students)

W/C: Monday 27th April

Date	Subject
MONDAY 27/04/2026	French / Spanish Speaking Test - All Day School house - Your subject teacher will give you your exact time closer to date
TUESDAY 28/04/2026	French / Spanish Speaking Test - All Day School house - Your subject teacher will give you your exact time closer to date
WEDNESDAY 29/04/2026	French / Spanish Speaking Test - All Day School house - Your subject teacher will give you your exact time closer to date Art & Design Component 2 - All Day, Room: GS-5 (23 students)
THURSDAY 30/04/2026	French / Spanish Speaking Test - All Day School house - Your subject teacher will give you your exact time closer to date
FRIDAY 01/05/2026	Community Languages (other) Speaking Tests - TBC School house - Your subject teacher will give you your exact time closer to date

W/C: Monday 4th May

Date	Subject
TUESDAY 05/05/2026	Community Languages (other) Speaking Tests - TBC School house - Your subject teacher will give you your exact time closer to date
WEDNESDAY 06/05/2026	Community Languages (other) Speaking Tests - TBC School house - Your subject teacher will give you your exact time closer to date

GCSE Written Exam Dates

***IMPORTANT NOTICE** - The main JCQ **contingency day** for the Summer 2026 exams is **Wednesday 24 June 2026**.
All GCSE candidates must remain available until this date in case of national or local disruption, such as unexpected incidents requiring rescheduling.
This means that all students must be available up to and including this date, even if your exams finish earlier.

W/C: Monday 4th May

Date	Start Time	Length	Finish Time	Exam	Unit Code	Board
THURSDAY 07/05/2026	9:00AM	45 mins 1 hour 05 mins	10:50AM	Turkish Option H - Listening (h) Turkish Option H - Reading (h)	1TU0 1H 1TU0 3H	Edexcel GCSE
	1:15PM	1 hour 45 mins	3:00PM	Citizenship Studies - Paper One	1CS0 01	Edexcel GCSE
FRIDAY 08/05/2026	9:00AM	1 hour 15 mins	10:15AM	Sport Studies: Cntmpry Issues Sprt	R184/01	OCR

W/C: Monday 11th May

Date	Start Time	Length	Finish Time	Exam	Unit Code	Board
MONDAY 11/05/2026	9:00AM	1 hour 45 mins	10:45AM	English Literature - English Literature Paper 1	8702/1	AQA
	1:15PM	1 hour 45 mins	3:00PM	Business - Investigating Small Bus.	1BS0 01	Edexcel GCSE
TUESDAY 12/05/2026	1:15PM	1 hour 15 mins	2:30PM	Combined Sci: Trilogy Tier F/H - Combined Sci Trilogy Biology P1	8464/B/1F 8464/B/1H	AQA
	1:15PM	1 hour 45 mins	3:00PM	Biology Tier H - Biology Paper 1 Tier F/H	8461/1F 8461/1H	AQA
WEDNESDAY 13/05/2026	9:00AM	1 hour 30 mins	10:30AM	Geography - Geography Paper 1	8035/1	AQA
	1:15PM	2 hour 00 mins	3:15PM	Computer Science Opt B (python) - Computer Science Paper 1b Python	8525/1B	AQA
THURSDAY 14/05/2026	9:00AM	1 hour 30 mins	10:30AM	Mathematics Option F/H - Non Calculator	1MA1 1F 1MA1 1H	Edexcel GCSE
	1:15PM	1 hour 45 mins	3:00PM	Citizenship Studies - Paper Two	1CS0 02	Edexcel GCSE
FRIDAY 15/05/2026	9:00AM	1 hour 20 mins	10:20AM	History Option Pr - Migrants In Britain	1HI0 13	Edexcel GCSE

W/C: Monday 18th May

Date	Start Time	Length	Finish Time	Exam	Unit Code	Board
MONDAY 18/05/2026	9:00AM	1 hour 15 mins	10:15AM	Combined Sci: Trilogy Tier F/H - Combined Sci Trilogy Chemistry P1	8464/C/1F 8464/C/1H	AQA
	9:00AM	1 hour 45 mins	10:45AM	Chemistry Tier F - Chemistry Paper 1 Tier F/H	8462/1F 8462/1H	AQA
TUESDAY 19/05/2026	9:00AM	2 hour 15 mins	11:15AM	English Literature - English Literature Paper 2	8702/2	AQA
	1:15PM	1 hour 45 mins	3:00PM	Computer Science Opt B (python) - Computer Science Paper 2	8525/2	AQA
WEDNESDAY 20/05/2026	9:00AM	35 mins 45 mins	10:20AM	French Tier F - French Listening Test Tier F French Tier F - French Reading Test Tier F	8652/LF 8652/RF	AQA
	9:00AM	45 mins 1 hour 00 mins	10:45AM	French Tier H - French Listening Test Tier H French Tier H - French Reading Test Tier H	8652/LH 8652/RH	AQA
THURSDAY 21/05/2026	9:00AM	1 hour 45 mins	10:45AM	English Language - English Language Paper 1	8700/1	AQA
	1:15PM	1 hour 45 mins	3:00PM	Business - Building A Business	1BS0 02	Edexcel GCSE
FRIDAY 22/05/2026	9:00AM	45 mins 1 hour 05 mins	10:50AM	Arabic Option H - Listening (h) Arabic Option H - Reading (h)	1AA0 1H 1AA0 3H	Edexcel GCSE
	9:00AM	45 mins 1 hour 00 mins	10:45AM	Italian Option H - Listening (h) Italian Option H - Reading (h)	1IN0 1H 1IN0 3H	Edexcel GCSE
	9:00AM	1 hour 25 mins	10:25AM	Turkish Option H - Writing (h)	1TU0 4H	Edexcel GCSE

Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May
HALF TERM HOLIDAY

W/C: Monday 1st June

Date	Start Time	Length	Finish Time	Exam	Unit Code	Board
MONDAY 01/06/2026	9:00AM	1 hour 20 mins	10:20AM	Italian Option H - Writing (h)	1IN0 4H	Edexcel GCSE
TUESDAY 02/06/2026	9:00AM	1 hour 15 mins	10:15AM	Combined Sci: Trilogy Tier F/H - Combined Sci Trilogy Physics P1	8464/P/1F 8464/P/1H	AQA
	9:00AM	1 hour 45 mins	10:45Am	Physics Tier F - Physics Paper 1 Tier F/H	8463/1F 8463/1H	AQA
	1:15PM	45 mins 1 hour 05 mins	3:05PM	Russian Option H - Listening (h) Russian Option H - Reading (h)	1RU0 1H 1RU0 3H	Edexcel GCSE
	1:15PM	1 hour 25 mins	2:40PM	Arabic Option H - Writing (h)	1AA0 4H	Edexcel GCSE
WEDNESDAY 03/06/2026	9:00AM	1 hour 30 mins	10:30AM	Mathematics Option F/H - Calculator (Paper 2)	1MA1 2F 1MA1 2H	Edexcel GCSE
	1:15PM	1 hour 30 mins	2:45PM	Geography - Geography Paper 2	8035/2	AQA
THURSDAY 04/06/2026	9:00AM	1 hour 50 mins	10:50AM	History Option Pr - Early Elizabethan History Option Pr - Superpower Relations History Option Pr - Superpower,elizabethan	1HI0 B4 1HI0 P4 1HI0 2R	Edexcel GCSE
	1:15PM	1 hour 10 mins	2:25PM	French Tier F - French Writing Test Tier F	8652/WF	AQA
	1:15PM	1 hour 15 mins	2:30PM	French Tier H - French Writing Test Tier H	8652/WH	AQA
FRIDAY 05/06/2026	9:00AM	1 hour 45 mins	10:45AM	English Language - English Language Paper 2	8700/2	AQA

W/C: Monday 8th June

Date	Start Time	Length	Finish Time	Exam	Unit Code	Board
MONDAY 08/06/2026	9:00AM	1 hour 15 mins	10:15AM	Combined Sci: Trilogy Tier F/H - Combined Sci Trilogy Biology P2	8464/B/2F 8464/B/2H	AQA
	9:00AM	1 hour 45 mins	10:45Am	Biology Tier F - Biology Paper 2 Tier F/H	8461/2F 8461/2H	AQA
TUESDAY 09/06/2026	9:00AM	35 mins 45 mins	10:20AM	Spanish Tier F - Spanish Listening Test Tier F Spanish Tier F - Spanish Reading Test Tier F	8692/LF 8692/RF	AQA
	9:00AM	45 mins 1 hour 00 mins	10:45Am	Spanish Tier H - Spanish Listening Test Tier H Spanish Tier H - Spanish Reading Test Tier H	8692/LH 8692/RH	AQA
	1:15PM	1 hour 30 mins	2:45PM	History Option Pr - Weimar & Nazi Germany	1HI0 31	Edexcel GCSE
WEDNESDAY 10/06/2026	9:00AM	1 hour 30 mins	10:30AM	Mathematics Option F/H - Calculator (Paper 3)	1MA1 3F 1MA1 3H	Edexcel GCSE
	1:15PM	1 hour 25 mins	2:40PM	Russian Option H - Writing (h)	1RU0 4H	Edexcel GCSE
	1:15PM	2 hour 00 mins	3:15PM	Design And Technology - D&t Comp 1 D&t In The 21st Century	C600U10-1	WJEC GCSE
THURSDAY 11/06/2026	9:00AM	1 hour 30 mins	10:30AM	Geography - Geography Paper 3	8035/3	AQA
FRIDAY 12/06/2026	9:00AM	1 hour 15 mins	10:15AM	Combined Sci: Trilogy Tier F/H - Combined Sci Trilogy Chemistry P2	8464/C/2F 8464/C/2H	AQA
	9:00AM	1 hour 45 mins	10:45Am	Chemistry Tier F - Chemistry Paper 2 Tier F/H	8462/2F 8462/2H	AQA
	1:15PM	1 hour 20 mins	2:35PM	Hosp & Catering Industry Paper - Hosp & Catering Unit 1: Paper	5409UB0-1	WJEC GCSE

W/C: Monday 15th June

Date	Start Time	Length	Finish Time	Exam	Unit Code	Board
MONDAY 15/06/2026	9:00AM	1 hour 15 mins	10:15AM	Combined Sci: Trilogy Tier F/H - Combined Sci Trilogy Physics P2	8464/P/2F 8464/P/2H	AQA
	9:00AM	1 hour 45 mins	10:45Am	Physics Tier F - Physics Paper 2 Tier F/H	8463/2F 8463/2H	AQA
TUESDAY 16/06/2026	9:00AM	1 hour 10 mins	10:10AM	Spanish Tier F - Spanish Writing Test Tier F	8692/WF	AQA
	9:00AM	1 hour 15 mins	10:15AM	Spanish Tier H - Spanish Writing Test Tier H	8692/WH	AQA

W/C: Monday 22nd June

Date	Start Time	Length	Finish Time	Exam	Unit Code	Board
***WEDNESDAY 24/06/2026**	9:00AM 1:15PM			*Contingency session AM *Contingency session PM		AQA/PEARSON/ OCR/WJEC