



Summer Exams 2026 Information Sheet Candidates

As we approach the summer exam season, please find some useful information, links to documents and a reminder of the contingency dates for the summer 2026 season.

Absence

Let us know if you are too ill to sit the exam. However, these are public examinations and cannot be rearranged like mocks.

Contingency Dates for the External Exams of Summer 2026

A reminder of Wednesday 24 June 2026 as the contingency day for exams. You need to be available to sit exams at these times even if you currently don't have a timetabled exam for this day. Of course, we hope that this contingency day will not be needed, and they are merely a precaution.

Instructions to Candidates

[JCQ information on the exam day.](#)

This [video](#) outlines what is required – you have previously watched it during tutor time.

Indicative Sanctions Against Students

Please find this attached. This was mentioned in your recent assembly – as explained, there is not a one size fits all and the exam board will make the decision. As you know, any time that any rule is breached, this has to be logged and shared with the examination board who will decide on the sanction based on this list – we won't be making this decision, the exam board will.

Lateness

Please aim to arrive at least 15 minutes before the start of your exam. If you are running late then please contact the school and then turn off their mobile phone.

If you have someone with you then they should accompany you to Visitor Reception so that we can confirm that you haven't been on your phone or in contact with anyone taking the exam.

Lateness to Exams

- A candidate who arrives within one hour of the published start time (10am or 2.30pm) will be classed as late and will be able to sit the exam.

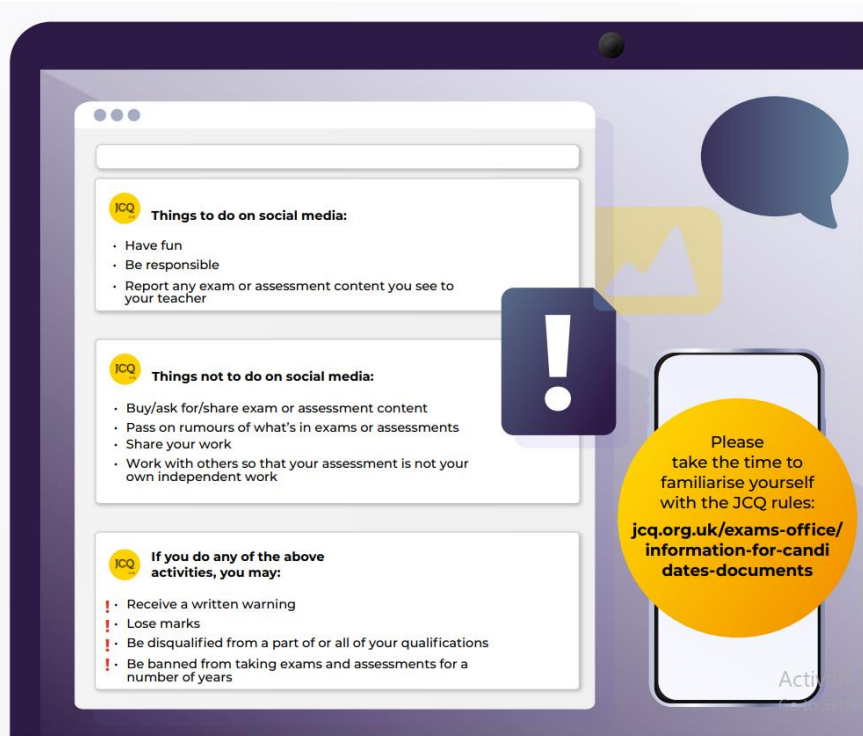
Very Late

- A candidate who arrives after 10.00am for a morning examination or after 2.30pm for an afternoon examination will be considered very late and will be permitted by the centre to sit the examination.
- **However, whether the paper is accepted and counts towards their grade or not will be the exam board's decision.**

Social Media

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

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



Things to do on social media:

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

Things not to do on social media:

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

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

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

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

Results

More information will follow about receiving results and our post-results service, but the A level results are on Thursday 13 August and the GCSE on Thursday 20 August.