

CANDIDATE EXAM HANDBOOK 2023/24

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Introduction

Thornhill Academy is committed to ensuring that candidates are fully briefed on the examination and assessment process in place in the centre and are made aware of the required JCQ/awarding body instructions and information for candidates.

Purpose of this handbook

- To support/complement candidate briefings/assemblies
- To inform candidates about malpractice in examinations/assessments
- To inform candidates about the use of their personal data and copyright
- To ensure candidates are provided with all relevant information about their exams and assessments in advance of any exams/assessments being taken
- To ensure copies of relevant JCQ information for candidates' documents and exam room posters are provided in advance of any exams/assessments being taken
- To answer questions candidates may have etc.
- To inform candidates of/signpost candidates (and where relevant parents/carers) to any exams-related policies/procedures that they need to be made aware of

Malpractice

- To maintain the integrity of qualifications, strict Regulations are in place
- Malpractice means any act or practice which is in breach of the Regulations
- Any alleged, suspected, or actual incidents of malpractice will be investigated and reported to the relevant awarding body/bodies
- JCQ provides information regarding what constitutes malpractice:
 - Introduction of unauthorised material into the examination room
 - Breaches of examination conditions
 - Exchanging, obtaining, receiving, or passing on information which could be examination related (or the attempt to)
 - Offences relating to the content of candidates' work
 - Undermining the integrity of examinations/assessments

ICE 24 and the *Indicative sanctions against candidates* (Appendix 6, Suspected Malpractice - Policies and Procedures)

Information for candidates, social media etc.:

Things not to do on social media:

- Buy/ask for/share exam content
- Pass on rumours of what is in exams
- Share your work
- Work with others so that your coursework is not your own independent work and/or non-examination assessments and coursework, as example:

Research and using references

Where computer-generated content has been used (such as an AI (Artificial Intelligence) Chatbot), your reference must show the name of the AI bot used and should show the date the content was generated. For example: ChatGPT 3.5 (https://openai.com/blog/chatgpt/), 25/01/2024. You should retain a copy of the computer-generated content for reference and authentication purposes.

Plagiarism

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

Personal data

- The awarding bodies collect information about exam candidates
- To understand what information is collected and how it is used, you must read the JCQ Information for candidates Privacy Notice (available on school website- Key Info/Exam Guidance/Information for candidates Privacy Notice)

Copyright

- The copyright of any form of work created by a candidate that is submitted to an awarding body for assessment (referred to as Assessment Materials) belongs to the candidate
- By submitting this work, a candidate is granting the awarding body a non-exclusive, royaltyfree licence to use their assessment materials (referred to as Assessment Licence)
- If a candidate wishes to terminate the awarding body's rights for anything other than assessing his/her work, the awarding body must be notified by the centre, and it is at the discretion of the awarding body whether or not to terminate such rights.

 JCQ General Regs 6 Personal data, freedom of info & copyright

Coursework assessments/non-examination assessments

- Relevant JCQ information for candidates' documents coursework, non-examination assessments, social media (available on school website- Key Info/Exam Guidance)
- Assessments will take place within exam windows
- Candidates are informed about their assessment's dates by Heads of Department/Teachers
- Candidates are informed of their centre assessed marks and if you disagree with these you are to speak to teachers in the first instance.
 Information for candidates documents are available on school website

Written timetabled exams

- Candidate statement of entry (to check that personal details, candidates are entered under their Legal Names for all external examinations and exam entries are correct)
- What to do if this information is incorrect
- Candidate exam timetable (to ensure candidates know the date and time of all their exams/assessments), and any relevant information regarding seating arrangements, exam rooms, etc.
- The JCQ information for candidates' documents written examinations, social media (or within Key Information/Exam Guidance on the school website)
- Exam room posters Warning to candidates, Unauthorised items (these are displayed outside of exam rooms)

GR 5.8

Contingency sessions - Summer 2024

Thursday 6 June 2024 and Thursday 13 June 2024. The standard contingency day remains at the end of the timetable being scheduled on Wednesday 26 June 2024.

All candidates should be available until 27th June 2024 in case a Contingency day needs to be implemented

ICE 15

On-screen tests

Information for candidates – on-screen tests available on school website

What to do if you identify you have two or more exam papers timetabled at the same time (a timetable clash)

- If a candidate has more than one exam timetabled within the same session (am or pm), they will sit the longest paper 1st and after a short, supervised break they will complete their 2nd paper within the exam room and under formal exam conditions
- Exam Officer/SLT will inform candidate of arrangements for any clashes

ICE 7

Where you will take your exams

Exams will take place within the Sports Hall or the Exam Suite for all candidates

What time your exams will start and finish

- Centre start times are 9:00am and 13:00pm. Candidates are to meet within the Thumbprint restaurant for all exams, unless otherwise informed
- Candidates are to remain within exam rooms for the full duration of exams

Supervision during your exams

- Exams are supervised by a team of fully trained external invigilators
- Invigilators must follow strict rules and regulations when conducting exams as directed by JCQ awarding bodies and all malpractice will be noted and exam boards notified.

Exam room conditions

- Candidates will enter exam rooms a couple of rows at a time. They are to enter rooms quietly
 and find their seats, they must not open an exam paper until instructed to do so by an
 invigilator.
- Candidates are under formal exam conditions from the moment they enter the exam room until they are given permission to leave by the invigilator.
- Candidates must listen to and always follow the instructions of the invigilator in the exam room
- Candidates must not communicate with or disturb other candidates
- Centre number, subject title, paper number and the actual starting and finishing times, and date, of each exam will be displayed for all exams at the front of each room.
- Candidates must only fill in their details on the front of exam papers when instructed to do so by an invigilator.
- Candidates needing to use of additional answer sheets/answer books, etc, must complete all relevant details onto the front of these which includes full name, candidate no, centre number.
- Candidates must not open the question paper until the examination begins

ICE 19

Candidates should not leave an exam room until an invigilator has given permission to do so.

ICE 23

Where you will sit in the exam room

- Candidates will sit at same desk for all exams.
- Seating plan will be provided outside of exam rooms

How your identity is confirmed in the exam room

SLT/Senior member of staff will be available to help with the Candidate Identification Procedure.

ICE 16

What equipment you need to bring to your exams

- Centre will provide a basic stationary pack and calculator on desks.
- if you bring your own, they must be in a see-through pencil case.

ICE 18

Using calculators

Calculators will only be allowed if papers state they can be used

ICE 10

What you should not bring into the exam room

- No mobile phones/earbuds/watches (including analogue watches) or any other electronic devices are allowed in exam rooms. These should either not be brought into school or switched off and left in bags outside of Sports Hall or at front of Exam Suite rooms.
- If these regulations are breached a malpractice report will be submitted to relevant exam boards.

Food and drink in exam rooms

Only water is allowed into exam rooms. This must be in a plastic see through bottle, with all labels removed

ICE 18

What you should wear for your exams

Full uniform must be worn for all exams. No writing or Henna markings on hands/arms. No clothing with writing/drawings

Where your personal belongings will be stored during your exam

Personal belongings are to be left outside of Sports Hall or at the front of Exam Suite rooms (at owners own risk). Mobiles and electronic devices must be fully switch off, not just put on silent and they should be handed into an invigilator before the start of any exam if not left in bags/coats.

What to do if you arrive late for your exam

If you arrive late for an exam, you may be able to sit paper, but exam boards will be notified, and they will make the decision as to if a candidate receives marks for that paper.

ICE 21

What to do if you are unwell on the day of your exam

- If a candidate is unwell parent/carer must contact school asap
- If a candidate is unwell but manages to attend the exam, school can submit a special consideration request to exam board on production of a GP/hospital note relating to illness
- If the candidate feels unwell during the exam, they must put their hand up and let an invigilator know asap

What happens in the event of an emergency in the exam room

If there is a firm alarm, candidates are to put down pens, close their exam papers and listen to the invigilator's instructions. They will still be under exam conditions and must not try to communicate with others as this will result in malpractice notification to exam board.

ICE 25

Candidates with access arrangements/reasonable adjustments

Candidates will be informed of appropriate arrangements including alternative rooms

Results

- Statement of Results will be issued on Thursday August 22nd, 2024, from 9am 12noon, venue within school to be confirmed.
- Senior members of centre staff will be available on the 22nd of August 2024.
- If you wish someone to collect results on your behalf, please complete form at back of this booklet and return to school.
- Uncollected results will be available from the main school office or production of ID/ signed letter of authorisation if you wish someone to collect on your behalf, they must also produce a form of ID.

GR 5.12 and post-results Services

Post-results services

See Key Information/Exam guidance on school website

GR 5.13 and Post-Results Services information

Certificates

- Formal certificates will arrive in school December and candidates will be invited to attend school for collection
- If you wish someone to collect certificates on your behalf, you must supply written/signed authorisation stating name of person collecting. They must collect and show a form of photo identification (Driving Licence/Passport)
- Uncollected results, will be available for 12months from school, please contact school to arrange collection from the main school office

GR 5.14

Internal appeals procedure

- centre's internal appeals procedure/how candidates are informed of this
- The areas covered by the centre's internal appeals procedure
- How to appeal
- How to request a review of the centre's marking and timescales, etc.

GR 5.3), 5.7 and 5.13

Complaints policy

If a candidate (Or parent/carer) has a general concern or complaint about the centre's delivery or administration of a qualification, Thornhill Academy encourages an informal resolution in the first instance. This can be undertaken by Raising the concern or complaint in person, by telephone or writing to the head of centre.

Refer to GR 5.8

Summer 2024 Exam Timetable – Students will receive an individual timetable

Date	Exam Time	Exam Board	Evam Code	Subject	Title	Exam Duration
				Digital Information		
02/05/2024	PM		BIT03	Technology	Effective Digital Working Practices	1h 30m
08/05/2024	AM		BEN03	Enterprise	Marketing and Finance for Enterprise	2hr
09/05/2024	AM	AQA	17/11/8062	Religious Studies A	Religious Studies A Paper 1	1h 45m
09/05/2024	AM		R038/01	Engineering Design	Principles of engineering design: Written Paper	1h 15m
09/05/2024	PM		8261/W	Drama	Drama	1h 45m
10/05/2024	AM	AQA	8464/B/1F/1H	Combined Science: Trilogy	Combined Science: Trilogy - Biology Paper 1 (both tiers)	1h 15m
10/05/2024	AM	AQA	8461/1F/1H	Biology	Biology Paper 1 (both tiers)	1h 45m
13/05/2024	AM	WJEC	C720U10-1	English Literature	English Literature Component 1 (Eduqas)	2h 00m
13/05/2024	PM	OCR	R184/01	Sport Studies	Contemporary issues in Sport: Written Paper	1h 15m
14/05/2024	AM	AQA	8658/LF/RF	French	French Paper 1 & 3- Listening & Reading	1h 20m
14/05/2024	AM	AQA	8658/LH/RH	French	French Paper 1 & 3- Listening & Reading	1h 45m
14/05/2024	PM	AQA	8673/LH/RH	Chinese (Mandarin)	Chinese (Mandarin) Paper 1 & 3 - Listening & Reading	1h 45m
15/05/2024	AM	Pearson	1HI0 10-13	History	Paper 1: Thematic study and historic environment	1h 15m
15/05/2024	PM	OCR	J277/01	Computer Science	Computer Systems - Written Paper	1h 30m
16/05/2024	AM	OCR	J560/01/04	Mathematics	Paper 1/4 (F/H Tier) - Written Paper	1h 30m
16/05/2024	AM	Pearson	1MA1 1F/1H	Mathematics	Paper 1 (Non-Calculator) Foundation Tier	1h 30m
16/05/2024	PM	AQA	8062/2A/2B	Religious Studies A	Religious Studies A Paper 2	1h 45m
17/05/2024	AM	AQA	8464/C/1F/1H	Combined Science: Trilogy	Combined Science: Trilogy - Chemistry Paper 1 (both tiers)	1h 15m
17/05/2024	AM	AQA	8462/1F/1H	Chemistry	Chemistry Paper 1 (both tiers)	1h 45m
17/05/2024	PM	AQA	8035/1	Geography	Geography Paper 1	1h 30m
20/05/2024	AM	WJEC	C720U20-1	English Literature	English Literature Component 2 (Eduqas)	2h 30m
21/05/2024	PM	OCR	J277/02	Computer Science	Computational thinking, algorithms, and programming - Written Paper	1h 30m
22/05/2024	AM	AQA	8464/P/1F/1H	Combined Science: Trilogy	Combined Science: Trilogy - Physics Paper 1 (both tiers)	1h 15m
22/05/2024	AM	AQA	8463/1F/1H	Physics	Physics Paper 1 (both tiers)	1h 45m
22/05/2024	PM		8673/WH	Chinese (Mandarin)	Chinese (Mandarin) Paper 4	1h 15m
23/05/2024	AM	WJEC	C700U10-1	English Language	English Language Component 1 (Eduqas)	1h 45m
24/05/2024	AM	AQA	8658/WF	French	French Paper 4	1h
24/05/2024	AM	AQA	8658/WH	French	French Paper 4	1h 15m
03/06/2024	AM	Pearson	1MA1 2F/2H	Mathematics	Paper 2 (Calculator)	1h 30m
03/06/2024	AM	OCR	J560/02/05	Mathematics	Paper 2/5 - Written Paper	1h 30m
04/06/2024	PM		1HI0 2A-2W	History	Paper 2: British depth study & Period study	1h 45m
05/06/2024	AM		8035/2	Geography	Geography Paper 2	1h 30m
05/06/2024	PM		8638/LF/RF	Bengali	Bengali Paper 1&3	1h 20m
06/06/2024	AM	WJEC	C700U20-1	English Language	English Language Component 2 (Eduqas)	2h 00m
06/06/2024	PM				Contingency Session	
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07/06/2024	PM		8461/2F/2H	Biology	Biology Paper 2 (both tiers)	1h 45m
07/06/2024	PM		8464/B/2F/2H	Combined Science: Trilogy	Combined Science: Trilogy - Biology Paper 2 (both tiers)	1h 15m
10/06/2024	AM	OCR	J560/03/06	Mathematics	Paper 3/6 - Written Paper	1h 30m
10/06/2024	AM	Pearson	1MA1 3F/3H	Mathematics	Paper 3 (Calculator)	1h 30m
11/06/2024	AM	AQA	8464/C/2F/2H	Combined Science: Trilogy	Combined Science: Trilogy - Chemistry Paper 2 (both tiers)	1h 15m
11/06/2024	AM	AQA	8462/2F/2H	Chemistry	Chemistry Paper 2 (both tiers)	1h 45m
11/06/2024	PM	Pearson	1HI0 30-33	History	Paper 3: Modern depth study	1h 20m
06/11/2024	PM	AQA	8365/1	Further Mathematics	Level 2 Cert in Further Maths Paper 1	1h 30m
13/06/2024	AM	AQA	8638/WF	Bengali	Bengali Paper 4	1h
13/06/2024	PM				Contingency Session	
14/06/2024	AM	AQA	8035/3	Geography	Geography Paper 3	1h 30m

14/06/2024	PM	AQA	8463/2F/2H	Physics	Physics Paper 2 (both tiers)	1h 45m
14/06/2024	PM	AQA	8464/P/2F/2H	Combined Science: Trilogy	Combined Science: Trilogy - Physics Paper 2 (both tiers)	1h 15m
17/06/2024	PM	WJEC	C660U30-1	Music	Music Component 3 Appraising	1h 15m
19/06/2024	AM	AQA	8365/2	Further Mathematics	Level 2 Cert in Further Maths Paper 2	1h 45m
20/05/2024	***	14/150	5.400UB0.4	Hospitality and Catering	Hospitality and Catering Unit 1 The Hospitality and Catering Industry (on	
20/06/2024	AM	WJEC	5409UB0-1	NEW	paper) NEW	1h 20m
26/06/2024	AM/PM				Contingency Session	

APPENDIX 1

JCQ Information for candidates - coursework

You **must** read this information if you are undertaking qualifications that contain elements of coursework assessment. Full details can be found using link below or on the school website under Key Information/ Exam Guidance.

Information for candidates - Coursework 2023-2024

https://www.thornhillschool.org.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=703&type=pdf

APPENDIX 2

JCQ Information for candidates - non-examination assessments

You **must** read this information if you are undertaking qualifications that contain components of non-examination assessment. Full details can be found using link below or on the school website under Key Information/ Exam Guidance.

Information for candidates - non-examination assessments 2023-2024

https://www.thornhillschool.org.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=702&type=pdf

APPENDIX 3

JCQ Information for candidates - on-screen tests

You **must** read this information if you will be taking any externally assessed on-screen tests as part of your qualification(s). Full details can be found using link below or on the school website under Key Information/ Exam Guidance.

Information for candidates — on-screen 2023-2024

https://www.thornhillschool.org.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=701&type=pdf

APPENDIX 4

JCQ Information for candidates – written exams

You **must** read this information before you take any externally assessed timetabled written exams.

Information for candidates – written exams 2023-2024.

Full details can be found using link below or on the school website under Key Information/ Exam Guidance.

https://www.thornhillschool.org.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=700&type=pdf

JCQ Information for candidates - Privacy Notic

You **must** read this information before you take any externally assessed timetabled written exams. *Information for candidates – written exams 2023-2024.*

Full details can be found using link below or on the school website under Key Information/ Exam Guidance.

https://www.thornhillschool.org.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=707&type=pdf

APPENDIX 6







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City & Guilds

CCEA

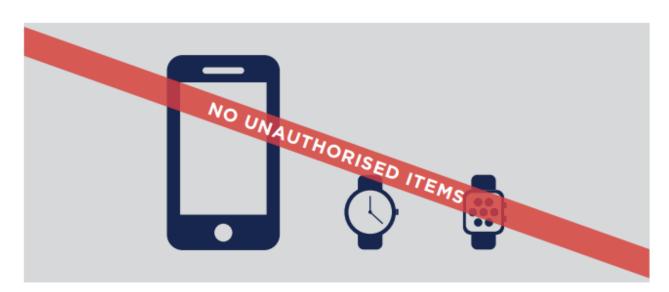
OCR

Pearson

WJEC

NO MOBILE PHONES NO WATCHES

NO POTENTIAL TECHNOLOGICAL/WEB ENABLED SOURCES OF INFORMATION



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

DISQUALIFICATION

from your examination and your overall qualification.

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



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Warning to Candidates

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

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

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On your **exam day**

This checklist will help you to be as prepared as possible for your exams, so that on the day itself you can focus on doing your best.

Before sitting your exams, ensure you know: the date, time and location of your exams - you might find it helpful to write this information in a calendar or planner who to contact at school or college in case there's an emergency that makes you late or unable to sit your exam	What you cannot take into exams: any type of phone revision notes any type of watch (this includes analogue, digital and smart watches)
What you will need: a clear pencil case at least two black ink pens – blue pens are not acceptable an approved calculator for relevant exams appropriate apparatus such as a ruler or protractor for relevant exams a clear water bottle if you wish to take one in – it must not have a label	Other important information: Listen carefully to the invigilator's instructions which will be specific to your exam. If you are unsure of anything, please raise your hand and wait for the invigilator. Fill in your details on the front of your answer booklet. If you need additional answer sheets, raise your hand and wait for an invigilator who will provide you with one. Remember to add your details to this booklet too. If you need to use the toilet or feel unwell, raise your hand and wait for an invigilator who will escort you from the exam room.
Contingency sessions: There are contingency sessions within the Summer 2024 exam timetable – the afternoon of 6 June and 13 June 2024 and the morning and afternoon of 26 June 2024. Make sure you are available on all three dates even if you do not have an exam. You can also find useful information about preparing for	Make sure you stay silent - talking to a fellow candidate could result in disqualification from all your exams. If you have any questions about your exams, please ask your teacher or exams officer.



CANDIDATE CONFIRMATION

To confirm you have received, read, and understood the contents of this handbook, please sign and date the tear-off slip below and return to Mrs Ward by 29/02/2024.

If there is anything you do not understand, you should speak to Mrs Ward/Mr Clark for clarification.

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CANDIDATE EXAM HANDBOOK
NAME: Overwrite your name here
I have read the contents
 I understand (Tick all the boxes that apply) □ What constitutes malpractice in examinations/assessments □ What my personal data is used for by awarding bodies □ Copyright
I have read and understand the current JCQ information for candidate's documents as they relate to the qualifications I am taking (Tick all the boxes that apply) Coursework Non-examination assessments On-screen tests Privacy Notice Social media Written exams

By signing here, I am confirming all the above

Candidate Signature: Overwrite your signature here

Date: DD / MM / YYYY