Sitting your exams at KBA



Timetables

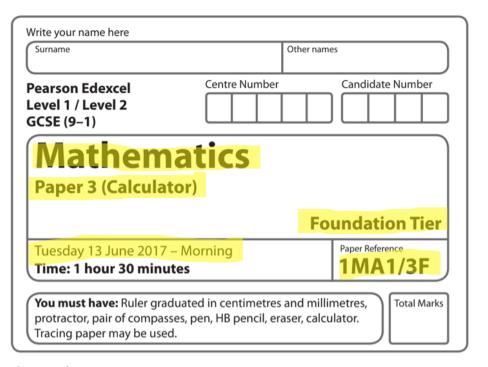
- Your exam timetables will be given out to you in advance
- They will tell you the time of your exam, the room you are in and, most importantly, the exams you are taking
- You must read through this carefully. Spot something wrong? Come and see me or send me an email:
- jemmafreeman@kba.uk



Your exam paper – the front cover

- Check the front of your exam paper carefully...
- Is it the paper you were expecting?
- Is the tier correct (for maths, science and MFL papers)?

- If you notice something wrong, it is YOUR responsibility to say something.
- Put you hand up and speak to an invigilator immediately if you notice something wrong. Once you leave the exam room, it is too late to do anything about it!



Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- Fill in the boxes at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer all questions.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided - there may be more space than you need.
- You must show all your working.
- Diagrams are **NOT** accurately drawn, unless otherwise indicated.
- Calculators may be used.
- If your calculator does not have a π button, take the value of π to be 3.142



What to bring into your exam

- You can bring your stationery loose or in a clear pencil case
- You are allowed a clear drinks bottle with water inside. If bringing in a bottle from a shop with a wrapper around it, then this wrapper must be removed
- You will need a black ballpoint pen. All exam boards insist on this. No gel pens or other colours are allowed
- A highlighter can be used but can only be used in the question
- You can bring any other exam stationery allowed for that specific exam. For example a calculator or protractor



What NOT to bring into your exam

- You will see the posters displayed outside every exam room with the items not allowed in an exam room. These include:
- Phones
- Watches of any kind
- Earphones/earbuds/airpods
- Smart glasses
- Ipods/MP3/MP4 players
- Any other smart devices





City & Guilds

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WJEC

Warning to candidates















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.



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.

You must not talk to, attempt to communicate with or disturb other candidates once you have entered the examination room.

You must follow the instructions of the invigilator.

You must not sit an examination in the name of another candidate.

You must not become involved in any unfair or dishonest practice in any part of the examination.

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.









Malpractice – What is malpractice?

- Malpractice is any practice which is a breach of the JCQ regulations (and there are many!), or which compromises the integrity of any qualification or the validity of an examination, result or certificate
- All malpractice MUST be reported to the exam board and there WILL be a consequence
- It is worthwhile having a think about this before your exams so that you are clear of the expectations and the potential consequences of any breach



Malpractice – Some examples

- Having unauthorised material on your person after the invigilator announcement and not handing it over. For example a phone in your pocket or wearing a watch
- Communicating or attempting to communicate with another candidate
- Poor behaviour
- Plagiarism (more on that in a minute)
- Graffitiing of an exam paper this includes swear words and doodling, as well as
 offensive, obscene or discriminatory content
- Discussing/sharing exam content on social media



Malpractice – the consequences

- JCQ issue penalties it is not the school's decision. These can include:
 - A warning
 - Loss of all marks for a section
 - Loss of all marks for a component
 - Loss of all the marks for a unit
 - Disqualification from a unit
 - Disqualification from all units in one or more qualifications taken during the exam series
 - Disqualification from the whole qualification
 - Disqualification from all qualifications taken in that exam series

THINK ABOUT THE CONSEQUENCES AND WHAT THAT COULD MEAN FOR YOU



Malpractice – mobile phones

- Mobile phones are our biggest issue at KBA
- They MUST be switched off and left in your bag. If you have forgotten to put it in your bag then tell an invigilator immediately – BEFORE the exam begins
- Having a mobile phone on your person, even if it is switched off, will have a consequence. JCQ have a NO TOLERANCE policy when it comes to mobile phones



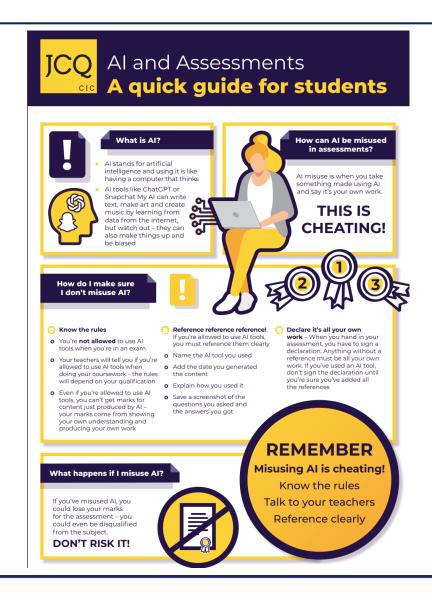
Invigilators

- It is the invigilator's job to ensure the integrity of the exam process they make sure all the rules are being followed
- They are there to make sure you are safe and well and they can help answer any questions you have about the exams
- They cannot help you with the content of the exam paper but can help with anything on the front cover
- Please respect these members of staff who are there to make sure your exams run smoothly



Malpractice – AI and plagiarism

We will talk about this in more detail in an upcoming assembly





Our Website – kba.uk

- You will find lots of useful information on our school website including exam timetables and candidate information notices
- Take a look under the secondary information tab exams

Exams

Exam Information for Candidates:

Preparing to sit your exams - 2024-25

Information for Candidates - Coursework assessments 2024-25

Information for Candidates - Non-examination assessments 2024-25

Information for Candidates - On-screen examinations 2024-25

Information for Candidates - Social media 2024-25

Information for Candidates - Written examinations 2024-25





On your **exam day**

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

Before sitting your exams, ensure you know: the date, time and location of each 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 to respond. 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. 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 2025 exam timetable – the afternoon of 11 June 2025 and the morning and afternoon of 25 June 2025. Make sure you are available on all three dates even if you do not have	Remember to 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

You can view this poster on our website – under the exams tab



Finally...

- Remember, this is YOUR exam, YOUR future
- Don't worry about what other students are or are not doing. None of that will be relevant to you in a few years time
- Think about what these exams mean to you. Revise as best you can, use your time efficiently and, most importantly, ask for help if you need it.
- Do **YOUR** best. If you do that, then it will always be good enough.



