Sitting your exams at KBA



Timetables

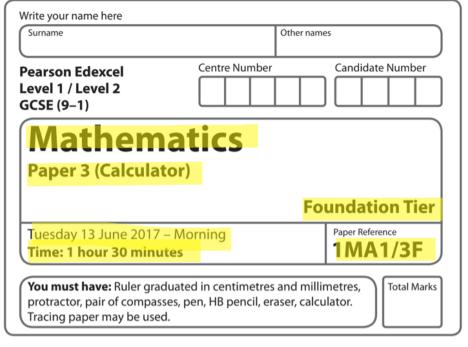
- Your exam timetables will be given out to you in advance
- They will tell you the time of your exam, the room you are in and, most importantly, the exams you are taking
- You must read through this carefully. Spot something wrong? Come and see me or send me an email:
- jemmafreeman@kba.uk
- Exams will also show on your daily Arbor calendar and your parents can download a copy of your full timetable from the Arbor parent app. Check this regularly as I can change rooms/seats as things crop up



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. This includes having the correct access arrangements.

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:
- Earphones or earbuds (e.g. AirPods)
- Mobile phones
- MP3/4 players or similar devices
- Watches
- Tablets (e.g. iPads or iPods)
- Smart glasses
- Any other smart devices





AQA City & Guilds CCEA NCFE OCR Pearson WJEC

NO MOBILE PHONES NO WATCHES

NO TECHNOLOGICAL OR WEB-ENABLED POTENTIAL 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.



Warning to candidates













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1

You must be on time for all your examinations.

2

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 examination or 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.

5

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.

Respect - Determination - Ambition

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
- Using AI and not declaring it
- 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

- The awarding bodies 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 ZERO 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



Our Website – kba.uk

- You will find lots of useful information on our school website, including the summer series exam timetables
- Take a look under the secondary information tab – exams
- There is also an exams noticeboard, full of information, on the SO corridor, next to my office

Exam Information for Candidates:

Preparing to sit your exams - 2025-26

Information for Candidates - Coursework assessments 2025-26

Information for Candidates - Non-examination assessments 2025-26

Information for Candidates - On-screen examinations 2025-26

Information for Candidates - Social media 2025-26

Information for Candidates - Written examinations 2025-26





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 your exams: any type of phone revision notes any type of watch (this includes analogue, digital and smart watches) smart devices (e.g. Airbuds, smart glasses or tablets)
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 Contingency sessions:	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 an additional answer sheet, raise your hand and wait for an invigilator to provide one. Remember to add your details to this sheet. If you need to use the toilet or feel unwell, raise your hand and wait for an invigilator to escort you from the exam room. Remember to stay silent – talking to a fellow candidate could result in
There are contingency sessions within the Summer 2026 exam timetable on the morning and afternoon of 24 June 2026. Make sure you are available on 24 June 2026.	If you have any questions about your exams, please ask your teacher or exams officer.

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



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Access Arrangements

 You will already know if you have an approved exam access arrangement. It is your responsibility to make sure you have this in place at the start of the exam.

For example, if you know you should have a colour paper but it is not in front of you then put your hand up and speak to an invigilator.

If you have a question about access arrangements, please speak to:

- Ms Henderson clarehenderson@kba.uk
- Mrs Potts jenniepotts@kba.uk
- Mrs Freeman jemmafreeman@kba.uk



Movement passes and 5 minute passes are NOT approved access arrangements and do not count in exams



Fire safety





- The invigilators know the protocols so please listen to their instructions carefully
 - If your exam is in the sports hall, you will go to the basketball courts
 - If your exam is in the main building, you will go out the front entrance and wait on the grass area



Documents to read

- There are some documents that it is important you are aware of. These are available on our school website at all times so you can look at the at a time that suits you. Please make sure you have an awareness of the contents of the following JCQ documents before you sit your summer exams:
 - Information for candidates coursework 2025-2026
 - Information for candidates non examination assessment 2025-2026
 - Information for candidates written exams 2025-2026
 - Information for candidates on-screen examinations 2025-2026 (Hospitality and Catering students)
 - Preparing to sit your exams 2025-2026
 - Information for candidates social media 2025-2026



Information for candidates – Al and Assessments

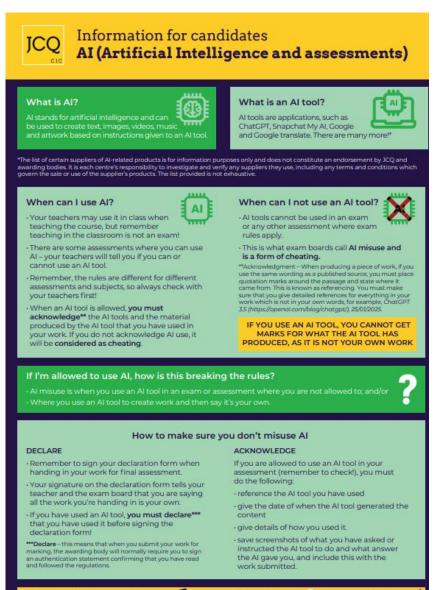
What is AI?

- Al stands for artificial intelligence and using it is like having a computer that thinks
- Al tools like ChatGPT or Snapchat My Al can write text, make art and create music by learning from data from the internet, but watch out – they can also make things up and be biased

You can find this guide find this guide on the exam noticeboard should you want more information.







Check with

your teachers

ACKNOWLEDGE

and DECLARE

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CHECKS

How can AI be misused in assessments?

 Al misuse is when you take something made by Al and say it's your own work.





How do I make sure I don't misuse AI?

- 1 Know the rules
- 2 Reference <u>reference</u> <u>reference</u>!
- **3** Declare it's all your own work





1 Know the rules!

- You're not allowed to use AI tools when you're in an exam
- Your teachers will tell you if you're allowed to use AI tools when doing your coursework – the rules will depend on your qualification
- Even if you're allowed to use AI tools, you can't get marks for content just produced by AI – your marks come from showing your own understanding and producing your own work





Reference reference!

If you're allowed to use AI tools, you must reference them clearly

- Name the AI tool you used
- Add the date you generated the content
- Explain how you used it
- Save a screenshot of the questions you asked and the answers you got





Declare it's all your own work

- When you hand in your assessment, you have to sign a declaration
- Anything without a reference must be all your own work
- If you've used an AI tool, don't sign the declaration until you're sure you've added all the references



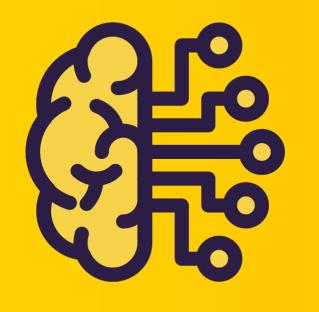
What happens if I misuse AI?

If you've misused AI, you could lose your marks for the assessment – you could even be disqualified from the subject.

DON'T RISK IT!







REMEMBER

Misusing AI is cheating!

Know the rules
Talk to your teachers
Reference clearly



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.



