



# Examinations 2020

WALTHAMSTOW SCHOOL  
FOR GIRLS

CENTRE NUMBER 13427

GCSE/BTEC

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## **STUDENT INSTRUCTIONS & INFORMATION BOOKLET**



# STUDENT EXAMINATION GUIDE

- You will have received your individual examination timetable via your form tutor before the February half-term. You are responsible for checking your timetable and making sure you turn up at the correct time and correct place.
- Check how many papers are being set for your subjects and check your level of entry.
- Check whether your exam is in the Sports Hall or another location.
- If you have 2 examinations at the same time (a **timetable clash**) please see Mrs Brickett. You may be required to bring a packed lunch and to be supervised in a waiting room between examinations.
- Plan a revision timetable around your examinations and check which extra revision lessons are being offered at school.
- Check with your Student Progress Leader that the school has a correct record of your home telephone number and that you have given Mrs Brickett details of your personal mobile, so that she can ring you or your parents/carers if you are late for an examination. If you miss an examination, **it cannot take place at another time** and you will not get the grade predicted.
- You are expected to wear your school uniform for all occasions when you are in school; this includes revision lessons as well as the examinations themselves.
- All mobile phones must be handed in to the school office and collected at the end of the day.

## Awarding Body Policy on Right of Appeal for Students



If at any stage during your examination course, you have concerns about procedures used in assessing your internally marked work for public examinations, e.g. Non-Examined Assessments (NEAs) you should first discuss this with your teacher. If you still have concerns, you should see the Head of Faculty for that subject. If the Head of Faculty cannot help, you should see Mr Shackson – the Assistant Headteacher in charge of examinations.

### TIMINGS



All examinations at Walthamstow School for Girls start at 9:00am for morning exams and 1:30pm for afternoon exams.

**Core Exams AM - you will be brought down to the Dining Hall from your registration room:**

**Morning examinations:** 8:45 am

**Afternoon examinations:** -

**All other exams and PM Core Exams - you are to go directly to the Dining Hall at the following times:**

8:45am

1:20pm

Once you have been briefed in the Dining Hall you will be called in candidate number order and asked to line up ready to be called in to your examination location.

If you arrive after 9:30am for a morning examination or 2:00pm for an afternoon examination, you may be allowed to enter the examination room and sit the exam; but you may not be entitled to the full time. However, should you arrive after 10:00am or 2:30pm you may be able to sit the exam, but the awarding body has the right not to accept the script and will pay particular attention to how far the security of the examination has been maintained.

## Illness

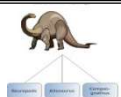


If you are ill and cannot take the examination, your parent/carer **MUST** telephone the School immediately and leave a message for the examination officer Mrs Brickett by selecting option 3 and all relevant sections of the JCQ/ME Form 14 at the back of this document **must** be completed and returned to Mrs. Brickett as soon as possible. If you are ill, remember it is **better to sit the examination** and then Mrs. Brickett can make an application for “special consideration” to the awarding body as long as you can provide medical evidence from a doctor or hospital to support this. If you are absent from an examination you **cannot** take this at another time, and you may not get the grade you were predicted. If you are absent for an examination without informing the school or Mrs. Brickett, you will be charged the £42 entry fee unless you can provide a medical certificate to Mrs. Brickett within three days of the examination you have missed.

## Ramadan/EID

Ramadan is due to coincide with your terminal GCSE exams. Please be aware that your examinations **cannot** be taken at any other time, so it is important that you are reassured the Islamic rulings allow you to break your fast and make this up later so attendance is compulsory. EID will fall during the May 2020 half-term so should not affect your exams.

## Revision



When you revise it is better to:

- Plan carefully and start early.
- Think carefully about where to revise, make sure that the TV or other people do not distract you.
- Set yourself time limits; don't spend too long on any one topic.
- Little and often is better than one long session just before the examination.
- Your revision should be active - don't just read your notes. You should make lists of key facts, and then test yourself to see if you can remember them. Make spider diagrams to show the links between various topics.
- Ask your teacher for past question papers and try to do some of them under examination conditions.
- Use specifications off the awarding body websites ([www.aqa.co.uk](http://www.aqa.co.uk), [www.edexcel.com](http://www.edexcel.com), [www.ocr.org.uk](http://www.ocr.org.uk) & [www.wjec.co.uk](http://www.wjec.co.uk)) or revision lists to check what you have to learn.
- Don't believe friends who say they are not revising!

## School Timetable during Examinations



All GCSE written examinations begin Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May and finish Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June with the official timetabled examination period ending on the 26<sup>th</sup> June 2020 and details of the Contingency Day(s) on pages 7 and 8. Study leave will begin on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May this year and Mr Shackson will provide you with more information about this in due course.

## Equipment



You need to make sure that you bring in **ALL** relevant items for each examination in a **transparent pencil case or clear plastic bag**. Please make sure you always bring pens (**BLACK** ink only), pencil for drawing (do not write with a pencil unless instructed to do so), eraser, ruler and a sharpener and a calculator when necessary. You are allowed to bring into the examination room a clear plastic bottle (label removed) containing water (not any other type of drink). You are **not** allowed to bring tippex, a calculator lid or instruction book or rough paper. You may use a highlighter pen on the **questions only**, but you **must not use a highlighter pen on your answers**. A programmable calculator may be used but the memory **must be cleared before entering the examination room**. Check with your subject teachers to see if you need anything else. You **must** bring a **scientific** calculator to **all** your Science exams and your 2 Maths calculator exams.

## Bags, Books, Notes and Valuables



You are not allowed to keep any bags, books or notes with you in the examination room. Preferably, bags and coats should be left in your locker otherwise your bags will be placed off to the side in the examination room (Sports Hall). Please do not bring valuables with you when you come into School for an examination. Under no circumstances should you leave any bag unattended. Some subjects do require you to bring a textbook, preparation notes or a dictionary. Make sure you know what you need and what is allowed for each subject.

## Mobile Phones, iPods, MP3 players and iWatches



Potential technological/web enabled sources of information such as iPods, mobile phones, MP3/4 players and wrist watches which have a data storage device **are not allowed in the examination room**. You are strongly advised not to bring any such devices with you when you have an examination. Walthamstow School for Girls cannot take responsibility if they are lost or damaged. **NO** mobile phones are allowed in school or in examinations. You must hand all phones into the school office for collection at the end of the day.

If a mobile phone or other electronic communication device is found **in your possession in an examination room**, it will be confiscated and a report made to the appropriate awarding body and

**YOU MAY BE DISQUALIFIED FROM THAT COMPONENT OR FROM THE ENTIRE SUBJECT**

## Examination Regulations



It is **YOUR RESPONSIBILITY** to read and understand the awarding bodies' *Warning to Candidates and Information for Candidates*. A copy of the *Warning to Candidates* notices will be displayed outside every examination room and copies of all the JCQ Information to Candidate documents can be found on the school website under Study With Us/Exams Information.

## Prior to your Examinations



- The day before an examination re-check your timetable, your equipment and school uniform, and then have a good night's sleep. In the morning get up in good time, have some breakfast, and get to the Dining Hall at least 15 minutes before the start time.
- Assemble in the Dining Hall at the specified times.
- Listen carefully to instructions and remain silent. You will receive very important information from your subject teachers before the examination.
- You will be given the opportunity to use the toilet before you go into the examination room(s) as there are no toilet breaks during the exams unless Mrs. Brickett is aware of a medical reason for this or it is an emergency.
- From here you will be called to line up outside the Sports Hall in your candidate number order.

## Conduct in the Examination Room



- Once inside the examination room, you must remain **SILENT**.
- You will be allowed to leave bags or coats in the allocated area, make sure you have removed your lanyard and put this in your bag, removed labels from bottles, put all calculator lids in your bags or handed these in to an invigilator, you have all the equipment you need in your hand and you remain in candidate number order at all times.
- You will be directed to the correct desk for your candidate number. Check the label on the desk has; your "legal" name, candidate number and examination paper as exact seating plans are required by the awarding bodies. Sit down and wait, facing the front, for further details.
- Do not touch any examination papers that may already be on your desk.
- Listen carefully to the examination instructions. Make sure you **READ THE FRONT OF THE PAPER (rubric)** carefully and understand what you need to do i.e., how many questions to answer? Are there different sections? Do you have a choice of questions? How much time are you allowed? If you do not understand put up your hand and wait for an invigilator to come to you **but** an invigilator can only help you with the instructions on the front page they cannot help you with any of the questions or read any of the questions to you unless you are entitled to a reader.
- When told to do so fill in your **full Legal names**, that is forename, middle names and surname and **not** your preferred name, your candidate number, centre number and other details as required. If you do not ensure this is done it could result in the delay of your paper being marked.
- If you arrive up to half an hour late you can still sit the examination and you may be allowed the full time. However, if you arrive more than half an hour late you will be taken to Mr. Shackson or Mrs. Brickett who will then check to see if it is possible for you to still sit the examination. If you arrive after 10:00am for a morning exam or 2:30pm for an afternoon exam you may be able to still sit the exam, **but the awarding body will have to be notified and they may not accept your paper.**
- If there is **any communication between any students**, it will be assumed that you are cheating and will be treated accordingly. Communication does not just mean talking! Hand gestures or hand signals are considered communication. Any attempt at cheating (this includes talking) in the examination room will result in you being removed from the examination and sent to the duty room. The awarding body will be informed and they may cancel your entries for **ALL** subjects.
- Remember that all written answers must be in **black pen**, not pencil and in the correct space. This is essential as many examinations are now scanned and marked on-line. All rough notes and working out must be done on the examination paper and handed in with your answers. When you use a calculator, you must write down the calculations you are doing, not just the final answer.

- You **MUST NOT** write inappropriate, obscene or offensive material on your exam papers as your paper will be disqualified.
- Keep a careful check on the time. It is better to attempt all the required number of questions, even if some are left unfinished, rather than finishing off questions and leaving one or two not started.
- If you finish your examination early you will not be allowed to leave the examination room, so do not ask! Use the time to recheck your examination paper. In an emergency an invigilator may escort you to the toilet or to the first aider.
- At the end of the examination tidy up your papers. If you have used additional sheets, they should have your full legal names, candidate number and paper details on, be numbered and be tied inside the examination booklet with a treasury tag. You must remain seated in silence while the examination papers are collected.
- When told to leave you must do so in silence, other examinations may still be continuing in the same room or nearby. Do not hang around outside the examination room as lessons may be going on in nearby classrooms. **KEEP YOUR VOICE DOWN OUTSIDE THE EXAMINATION ROOM(S).**
- Please note that examinations may start or finish later than the time stated on the timetable.
- Remember if you are staying after your examination for revision you must go to Reception and sign in.
- Please do not write on the desks or labels – if you do you will be asked to stay behind at the end of the exam to clean the writing off.

## In the Event of Fire/Emergency/Lockdown

Should there be a fire bell during an examination the following procedure must be adhered to:

- Students will be instructed to put all equipment down.
- A Lead Invigilator will note the time.
- Students will then, **in silence** be dismissed from the examination venue, orderly, row by row and accompanied, with an even distribution, by all Invigilators and Form Tutors to ensure absolute silence.
- Pupils will assemble in candidate number order in the **MUGA** away from the rest of the school in **TOTAL SILENCE**.
- If you are in an examination that does not involve the entire year group, **DO NOT** line up with **THE REST OF THE YEAR**. You will be instructed where to stand by the Lead Invigilator or Examination Officer.
- Any communication during the evacuation will have to be treated as cheating.
- In the event of a lockdown procedure you are to remain in your seats in silence and you will be given instructions on what to do by one of the Lead Invigilators.

## Further information

### **CONTINGENCY DAY – JUNE 2020**

In the highly unlikely event that there is national disruption to a day of examinations in summer 2020, the awarding bodies will liaise with the qualification regulators and the DfE to agree the most appropriate option for managing the impact. As a last resort the affected examinations will be rescheduled. Although every effort would be taken to keep the impact to a minimum, it is possible that there could be more than one timetable date affected following the disruption, up to and including the contingency day on 24 June 2020.

All centres will be alerted if it was agreed to reschedule the examination(s) and the affected candidates will be expected to make themselves available in such circumstances.

Where candidates choose **not to be available** for the rescheduled examination(s) for reasons other than those traditionally covered by special consideration, they **will not** be eligible for enhanced grading arrangements so will not get the grade predicted.

As a result of this requirement all centres **must** therefore ensure ***candidates and parents are aware of this contingency arrangement so that they may take it into account when making their plans for the summer.*** However, the awarding bodies will not insist upon candidates being available throughout the entire timetable period as a matter of course.

The contingency day will become a standard feature of subsequent examination timetables.

### **BOOK RETURN FORM**

- All students will be issued with a personalised book return form.
- All books must be returned on Friday June 19<sup>th</sup> in the Hewett Hall between 12 p.m. and 1 p.m.
- Where a student does not have all outstanding books, they will have the cost of replacing the book(s) deducted from the book deposit. If they have not paid a deposit they must bring the replacement cost of any book(s) as listed on the return form. Students will be issued with a receipt.
- Where a student does not return books or bring the replacement cost they will not be able to participate further in any school events (including Leavers' Day celebrations) and their parents will be invoiced for the cost. Also, on results day those students who have not returned their books or paid the replacement cost **will not be able to collect their results until after 11:30am.**

### **LEAVERS DAY**

This will take place on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June and your Head of Year will provide you with further information regarding this. However, please see the Contingency Day section above as you are expected to be available for examinations up to the 24<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

### **RESULTS ENVELOPE**

The school will provide an envelope for your results. If you want the results posted, please provide an A4 envelope with the correct 1<sup>st</sup> class postage for a large letter with your name and address and give this to Mrs. Brickett in F58 **before** Leavers' Day.

### **GCSE RESULTS DAY**

You can collect your results envelope from the school between 9.30am - 11.00am on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August. If you would like someone else to collect your results you must give Mrs. Brickett a written note of consent with details of the person collecting your results. Please advise the person collecting that they will not be allowed in the hall to collect your results but must wait outside for someone to bring the results out to them and that this will not be until after 10:30am. We are not allowed to read out results over the telephone.

If you cannot collect your results and have given Mrs. Brickett your A4 1<sup>st</sup> class stamp addressed envelope, your GCSE results will be posted to you on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August and they should arrive on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August. Alternatively, you can provide Mrs. Brickett with **your** personal e-mail address and your results will be sent after 11:00am on the 20<sup>th</sup> August.

### **APPEALS**

Candidates may appeal if they feel their NEA has been assessed unfairly, inconsistently or not in accordance with the specification for the qualification. Appeals should be made in writing by the 26<sup>th</sup> June to the head of centre (or other nominee) who will decide whether the process used conformed to the necessary requirements.



## ENQUIRIES ABOUT RESULTS

The school will determine any review of marking or access to scripts following receipt of the results and students are given a consent form to sign on results day giving the school permission to pursue a post-results enquiry on their behalf. Students should ensure **they read this carefully** as **results can go down as well as up**. All students will receive information with their results explaining the procedure should they wish to make an independent enquiry about their results. **No** request will be accepted if this procedure has not been followed.

## CERTIFICATES AND PRESENTATION EVENING

The GCSE Certificates do not arrive until November. In order to organise the awards, certificates and refreshments, entrance and seating will be by numbered ticket only. You will receive further information regarding Presentation Evening, which is held in December, at the end of the Science GCSE examination on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June. Invitations will be sent out by post in November 2020. If for any reason you have not received an invitation by the 20<sup>th</sup> November 2020 please telephone the school. Presentation Evening is strictly limited to ticket holders only with no exceptions. If you cannot attend Presentation Evening you should collect your certificates from the school office after Presentation Evening. The school has to return unclaimed certificates to the awarding body who charge a large fee for replacements so please ensure that these are collected.

## REVISION ARRANGEMENTS 11<sup>th</sup> May to 22<sup>nd</sup> May

- Students who **have permission** to work from home can come to school to work in timetabled classes as follows:
  - arrive by 8:45am;
  - go to registration for your morning mark;
  - go to timetabled classes, normal expectations of students staying in lessons apply;
  - stay in school once you are on site until the end of period 1 or the end of period 2 or the end of period 3;
  - tick the sign out sheet against your name;
  - or arrive at lunch between 1pm to 1:20 pm, go to registration and then go to timetabled lessons until the end of period 4 or 5.
- **Or:**
  - Stay in school after a morning exam ensuring you tick the sign in column against your name on the sign in sheet at the front office in order to get an attendance mark and for safety.
- Students who **do not have permission** to work from home will:
  - arrive at normal time;
  - sign in to school at the front office;
  - work in timetabled lessons;
  - leave at 3:30pm.
- Students **must** be in full school uniform with their **lanyards**
- When all exams are complete, the school will provide activities for students who are to remain on site
- From 1<sup>st</sup> June to 17<sup>th</sup> June follow the above procedures, but instead of timetabled lessons there will be a series of allocated revision rooms.

## COLLECTION OF GCSE ART WORK

Please inform your parent/carer that if you would like your GCSE Art portfolio this can be collected after the 20<sup>th</sup> September 2020 from Walthamstow School for Girls ***during the week commencing 28<sup>th</sup> September until 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020***. Please ensure that you send an email with the day you or parent/carer will be collecting the work from the school during that week and we can leave the work to be collected from reception. We will be unable to hand back work unless an appointment has been made. Unfortunately, we do not have the space to keep all of the work and will not have it after the 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020.

Please mark emails FAO: A Wills/ N Hepworth – email: [info@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk](mailto:info@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk)



Written Examinations:	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May until Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June
Study Leave:	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May
Examination and Revision Timetable:	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May until Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June
Book Return Day:	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June
Leavers' Day:	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June
National Contingency Day:	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June
Officially off-roll after:	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June
Results Day:	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> August (from 9:30am to 11:00pm)
Invitations to Presentation Evening:	These will be handed out at the Science examination on Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June

**Self certification for candidates who have missed an examination**

Please read the notes before completing this form

Awarding Body	<input type="text"/>	Examination series	<input type="text"/>
Centre No	<input type="text"/>	Centre name	<input type="text"/>
Candidate No	<input type="text"/>	Candidate name	<input type="text"/>
Spec No	<input type="text"/>	Subject name	<input type="text"/>
Component number	<input type="text"/>	Date of examination	<input type="text"/>

**Part A: The centre must complete Part A of this form**

Please select Yes or No beside the following statements

- The centre sent the candidate home ill  Yes  No  
 (\*if the answer is yes, this form is not required by the awarding body)
- The parent/guardian/carer telephoned the centre to say the candidate was ill  Yes  No  
 (\*if the answer is yes, Part B of this form will need to be completed)
- The centre is aware of medical circumstances which may cause absence  Yes  No  
 (\*if the answer is yes, this form is not required by the awarding body)
- The candidate has missed an examination in a terminal series  Yes  No

**Head of centre/Exams officer**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name (Please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Part B: The doctor/nurse or surgery receptionist must complete Part B where appropriate**

Please select Yes or No beside the following statements

- The patient was seen in the surgery at reception  Yes  No
- The patient was seen by a nurse  Yes  No
- The patient was seen by a doctor  Yes  No
- The patient did not attend the surgery but the doctor/nurse spoke to the parent/guardian/carer on the telephone  Yes  No
- The patient was thought to be unfit to sit examinations  Yes  No
- Any other relevant information

**Signed by member of surgery staff**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name (Please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Practice Stamp:

**Part C: The parent/guardian/carer must complete Part C**

Please select Yes or No beside the following statements

I telephoned the school/college on the day of the examination to say that my son/daughter/ward was too ill to sit an examination

Yes  No

I telephoned the surgery to let them know the symptoms and receive advice

Yes  No

The symptoms were: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Declaration by parent/guardian/carer**

I understand that it is fraudulent to claim that a candidate is ill when he or she is fit to attend for a scheduled examination.

I understand that the results can be withdrawn and the candidate disqualified if fraudulent claims are made.

**Signed by parent/guardian/carer**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name (Please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Part D: The candidate must sign Part D**

**Declaration by candidate**

I felt too ill to attend my examination.

I understand that my results can be withdrawn or I can be disqualified if I claim to be ill when I was not.

**Signed by candidate**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name (Please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_