

Non-Examination Assessment Policy 2025-27

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Vision, Purpose & Values

Our Vision

Our students will be recognised locally & nationally for their positive impact on the communities and industries in which they choose to work.

Our Purpose

To inspire our students to gain the skills, knowledge and behaviours they need to be resilient and thrive in an ever-changing world.

Our Values

Excellence: A culture of creativity, high expectations, ambition and aspiration

Respect: Showing fairness, courtesy and mutual respect to each other and our environment

Integrity: Honesty, openness and trust at the heart of College life

Diversity: Celebrating diversity and inclusivity as a key to our success

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Key Staff Involved in the Conduct of Non-examination Assessments

Role
Head of Centre
Principals FE and Sixth Form
Assistant Principals and HoDs
Director of Learning
Group Exams Manager
Head of IT
ALS Managers FE and Sixth Form

1. What Does This Policy Affect?

This policy affects the delivery of specifications with one or more non-examination assessment component, controlled assessments (where applicable) and coursework.

The regulator's definition of an examination is very narrow and in effect any type of assessment that is:

- set by an awarding body
- designed to be taken simultaneously by all relevant candidates at a time determined by the awarding body, and
- taken under conditions specified by the awarding body (including conditions relating to the supervision of candidates during the assessment and the duration of the assessment).

'NEA' therefore includes, but is not limited to, internal assessment. Externally marked and/or externally set practical examinations taken at different times across centres are classified as 'NEA'.

(JCQ's [Instructions for conducting non-examination assessments](#) (GCE & GCSE),

The Joint Council for Qualifications has written these instructions for the setting, supervision, authentication, marking, internal standardisation and external moderation

of non-examination assessments (Vocational and Technical Qualifications) in examination centres.

These instructions are for use in... (JCQ's [Instructions for conducting non-examination assessments \(VTQs\)](#).)

2. These instructions are for use in CCEA GCE unitised AS and A-level qualifications, ELC and Project qualifications. (JCQ's [Instructions for conducting coursework](#).)

3. Purpose of the Policy

This policy confirms the JCQ requirement that Windsor Forest Colleges Group has in place for inspection that must be reviewed annually and updated if JCQ amendments are required. This written policy is regarding the management of non-examination assessments including controlled assessments and coursework.

Awarding bodies require centres to have a non-examination assessment policy in place to:

- cover procedures for planning and managing non-examination assessments
- define staff roles and responsibilities for non-examination assessments
- manage risks associated with non-examination assessments

The content of this document will help the head of centre to ensure that the centre's policy is fit for purpose.

4. What are Non-Examination Assessments?

(GCE and GCSE) non-examination assessments measure subject-specific knowledge and skills that cannot be tested by timed written papers.

There are three assessment stages and rules which apply to each stage. These rules often vary across subjects. The stages are:

- task setting;
- task taking;
- task marking.

[\[NEA 1\]](#)

(VTQs) Non-examination assessment components assess candidates' knowledge, understanding and skills that may not readily be assessed by timed written papers. Non-examination assessment will take many different forms. [\(NEA VTQs\)](#)

What is coursework?

Coursework components assess candidates' skills, knowledge and understanding that may not be readily assessed by timed written papers. Coursework will take many different forms ([ICC 1](#))

5. **Procedures for Planning and Managing Non-examination Assessments Identifying Staff Roles and Responsibilities**

Where reference is made in these procedures to non-examination assessment, this is intended to include all non-examination assessments, controlled assessment (where applicable) and coursework.

The Basic Principles

Head of Centre

- Returns a declaration (managed as part of the National Centre Number Register Annual Update) to confirm awareness of, and that relevant Centre staff are adhering to the latest version of [NEA](#), [NEA VTQs](#) and [ICC](#)
- Ensures the Centre's policy is fit for purpose and covers all types of non-examination assessment
- Ensures the Centre's internal appeals procedures clearly detail the procedure to be followed by candidates (or their parents/carers) appealing against internal assessment decisions (centre assessed marks) and requesting a review of the Centre's marking

Senior leaders

- Ensure the correct conduct of non-examination assessments which comply with [NEA](#), [NEA VTQs](#), [ICC](#) and awarding body subject-specific instructions
- Ensure the Centre-wide calendar records assessment schedules by the start of the academic year

Quality assurance (QA) lead/ lead internal verifiers (or equivalent role)

- Confirms with subject heads that appropriate awarding body forms and templates for non-examination assessments (including endorsements) are used by teachers and candidates
- Ensures appropriate procedures are in place to internally standardise/verify the marks awarded by subject lecturers in line with awarding body criteria
- Ensures appropriate centre-devised templates are provided to capture/record relevant information given to candidates by subject lecturers

- Ensures appropriate centre-devised templates are provided to capture/record relevant information is received and understood by candidates
- Where not provided by the awarding body, ensure a centre-devised template is provided for candidates to keep a detailed record of their own research, planning, resources etc.

Subject head/lead

- Ensures subject lecturers understand their role and responsibilities within the non-examination assessment
- Ensures [NEA, NEA VTQs and ICC](#) and relevant awarding body subject specific instructions are followed in relation to the conduct of non-examination assessments (including endorsements)
- Works with the QA lead/lead internal verifier (or equivalent role) to ensure appropriate procedures are followed to internally standardise/verify the marks awarded by subject lecturers
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Subject Lecturer

- Understands and complies with the general instructions as detailed in [NEA, NEA VTQs and ICC](#)
- Where these may also be provided by the awarding body, understands and complies with the awarding body's specification for conducting non-examination assessments, including any subject-specific instructions, teachers' notes or additional information on the awarding body's website
- Marks internally assessed work to the criteria provided by the awarding body
- Ensures the Exams officer is provided with relevant entry codes for subjects (whether the entry for the internally assessed component forms part of the overall entry code for the qualification or is made as a separate unit entry code) based on the internal deadline for entries for the relevant exam series

Exams Manager

- Signposts the annually updated JCQ publication [NEA, NEA VTQs and ICC](#) documents to relevant centre staff
- Carries out tasks where these may be applicable to the role in supporting the administration/management of non-examination assessment

6. Task Setting

Subject Lecturer

- Selects tasks to be undertaken where a number of comparable tasks are provided by the awarding body OR designs tasks where this is permitted by criteria set out within the subject specification
- Makes candidates aware of the criteria used to assess their work

7. Issuing of Tasks

Subject Lecturer

- Determines when set tasks are issued by the awarding body
- Identifies date(s) when tasks should be taken by candidates
- Accesses set tasks in sufficient time to allow planning, resourcing and teaching and ensures that materials are stored securely at all times
- Ensures requirements for legacy specification tasks and new specification tasks are distinguished between

8. Task Taking

Supervision

Subject Lecturer

- Checks the awarding body's subject-specific requirements ensuring candidates take tasks under the required conditions and supervision arrangements
- Ensures there is sufficient supervision to enable the work of a candidate to be authenticated
- Ensures there is sufficient supervision to ensure the work a candidate submits is their own
- Is confident where work may be completed outside of the centre without direct supervision, that the work produced is the candidate's own.
- Where candidates may work in groups, keeps a record of each candidate's contribution
- Ensures candidates are aware of the current JCQ documents [Information for candidates – non-examination assessment](#) and [Information for candidates – Social Media](#)
- Ensures candidates understand and comply with the regulations in relevant JCQ documents Information for candidates
- Ensures candidates:
 - Understand that information from all sources must be referenced
 - Receive guidance on setting out references
 - Are aware they must not plagiarise other material

9. Advice and Feedback

9.1. Subject Lecturer

- As relevant to the subject/component, advises candidates on relevant aspects before candidates begin working on a task
- Will not provide candidates with model answers or outlines/headings specific to the task
- When reviewing candidates' work, unless prohibited by the specification, provides oral and written advice at a general level to candidates
- Allows candidates to revise and re-draft work after advice has been given at a general level
- Records any assistance given beyond general advice and takes it into account in the marking or submits it to the external examiner
- Ensures when work has been assessed, candidates are not allowed to revise it
- Ensures that candidates are aware of the internal appeals procedure

10. Resources

10.1. Subject Lecturer

- Refers to the awarding body's specification and/or associated documentation to determine if candidates have restricted/unrestricted access to resources including the internet and AI when planning and researching their tasks
- Refers to the JCQ document *AI in Use in Assessments: Protecting the Integrity of Qualifications* <https://www.jcq.org.uk/exams-office/malpractice> as well as the awarding body's specification and/or associated documentation published by the awarding bodies and the regulator
 - By referencing this document and the Centre's malpractice policy and AI policy makes candidates aware of the appropriate and inappropriate use of AI, the risks of using AI, and the possible consequences of using AI inappropriately in a qualification assessment
- Ensure conditions for any formally supervised sessions are known and put in place
- Ensures appropriate arrangements are in place to keep the work to be assessed, and any preparatory work, secure between any formally supervised sessions, including work that is stored electronically
- Ensure conditions for any formally supervised sessions are understood and followed by candidates
- Ensure candidates understand that they are not allowed to introduce improved notes or new resources between formally supervised sessions

- Ensure that where appropriate to include references, candidates keep a detailed record of their own research, planning, resources etc.

11. Word and Time Limits

Subject Lecturer

- Refers to the awarding body's specification to determine whether there are minimum and/or maximum time and word limits

12. Collaboration and Group Work

Subject Lecturer

- Unless stated otherwise in the awarding body's specification, and where appropriate, it allows candidates to collaborate when carrying out research and preparatory work
- Ensures that it is possible to attribute assessable outcomes to individual candidates
- Ensures that where an assignment requires written work to be produced, each candidate writes up their own account of the assignment
- Assesses the work of each candidate individually

13. Authentication Procedures – how candidates' work is authenticated

Subject Lecturer

- Ensures candidates are aware of plagiarism and referencing rules
- Where required by the awarding body's specification:
 - ensures candidates sign a declaration confirming the work they submit for final assessment is their own unaided work and ensures this takes place as soon as the candidate has completed the assessment
 - signs the teacher declaration of authentication confirming the requirements have been met
- Keeps signed candidate declarations on file until the deadline for requesting reviews of results has passed or until any appeal, malpractice or other results enquiry has been completed, whichever is later
- Provides signed candidate declarations where these may be requested by a JCQ Centre Inspector
- Where there may be doubt about the authenticity of the work of a candidate or if malpractice is suspected, follows the authentication procedures and

malpractice information in [NEA, NEA VTQs and ICC](#) and informs a member of the senior leadership team

14. Presentation of Work

Subject Lecturer

- Obtains informed consent at the beginning of the course from parents/carers if videos or photographs/images of candidates will be included as evidence of participation or contribution
- Instructs candidates to present work as detailed in [NEA](#) or [ICC](#) unless the awarding body's specification gives different subject-specific instructions
- Instructs candidates to add their candidate number, centre number and the component code of the assessment as a header/footer on each page of their work

15. Keeping Materials Secure

Subject Lecturer

- When work is being undertaken by candidates under formal supervision, ensures work is securely stored between sessions (if more than one session)
- When work is submitted by candidates for final assessment, ensures work is securely stored
- Follows secure storage instructions as defined in [NEA 4.8](#)
- Takes sensible precautions when work is taken home for marking
- Stores internally assessed work, including the sample returned after awarding body moderation, securely until the closing date for reviews of results or until the outcome of a review or any subsequent appeal has been completed
- Reminds candidates of the need to always keep their own work secure and not share completed or partially completed work on-line, on social media or through any other means (the JCQ document Information for candidates – social media should be brought to the attention of candidates)
- Liaises with the IT Manager to ensure that appropriate arrangements are in place to restrict access between sessions to candidates' work where work is stored electronically

15.1. Head of IT

- Ensures appropriate arrangements are in place to restrict access between sessions to candidates' work where work is stored electronically
- Restricts access to this material and utilises appropriate security safeguards such as firewall protection and virus scanning software

- Employs an effective back-up strategy so that an up-to-date archive of candidates' evidence is maintained
- Considers the contingency of candidates' work being backed up on two separate devices, including one off-site back-up and implementing appropriate security arrangements which protect candidates' work in the event of IT system corruption and cyber-attacks
- Considers encrypting any sensitive digital media to ensure the security of the data stored within it and refers to awarding body guidance to ensure that the method of encryption is suitable

16. Task marking – externally assessed components

Conduct of Externally Assessed Work

Subject Lecturer

- Liaises with the Exams Manager regarding the arrangements for any externally assessed components of a specification which must be conducted within a window of dates specified by the awarding body and according to JCQ Instructions for conducting examinations
- Liaise with the Visiting Examiner where this may be applicable to any externally assessed component

Exams Manager

- Arranges timetabling, rooming and invigilation where and if this is applicable to any externally assessed non-examination component of a specification
- Conducts the externally assessed component within the window specified by the awarding body and according to JCQ Instructions for conducting examinations

Submission Of Work

Subject Lecturer

- Pay close attention to the completion of the attendance register, if applicable

Exams Manager

- Provides the attendance register to the Subject lecturer where the component may be assessed by a Visiting Examiner
- Ensures the awarding body's attendance register for any externally assessed component is completed correctly to show candidates who are present and any who may be absent
- Where candidates' work must be dispatched to an awarding body's examiner, ensures the completed attendance register accompanies the work

- Keeps a copy of the attendance register until after the deadline for reviews of results for the exam series
- Packages the work as required by the awarding body and attaches the examiner address label
- Dispatches the work to the awarding body's instructions by the required deadline

17. Task marking – internally assessed components

Marking and Annotation

Head of Centre

- Make every effort to avoid situations where a candidate is assessed by a person who has a close personal relationship with the candidate, for example, members of their family (which includes stepfamily, foster family and similar close relationships) or close friends and their immediate family (e.g. son/daughter)
- Where this cannot be avoided, ensures the possible conflict of interest is declared to the relevant awarding body and the marked work is submitted for moderation whether it is part of the moderation sample

Heads of Department

- Sets timescales for teachers to inform candidates of their centre-assessed marks that will allow sufficient time for a candidate to appeal an internal assessment decision/request a review of the Centre's marking prior to the marks being submitted to the awarding body external deadline

Subject Lecturer

- Attends awarding body training as required to ensure familiarity with the mark scheme/marketing process
- Marks candidates' work in accordance with the marking criteria provided by the awarding body
- Does not use artificial intelligence as the sole means of marking candidates' work
- Annotates candidates' work as required to facilitate internal standardisation of marking and enable external moderation to check that marking is in line with the assessment criteria
- Inform candidates of their marks which could be subject to change by the awarding body moderation process
- Ensure candidates are informed to the timescale set by the subject lead or as indicated in the Centre's *internal appeals procedure* to enable an internal

appeal/request for a review of marking to be submitted by a candidate and the outcome known before final marks are submitted to the awarding body

18. Internal Standardisation

Quality Assurance (QA) lead/Lead internal verifier (or equivalent role)

- Ensures that internal standardisation of marks across assessors and teaching groups takes place as required and to sequence
- Supports staff not familiar with the mark scheme (e.g. ECTs, supply staff etc.)
- Ensures accurate internal standardisation – for example by
 1. obtaining reference materials at an early stage in the course
 2. holding a preliminary trial marking session prior to marking
 3. carrying out further trial marking at appropriate points during the marking period
 4. After most marking has been completed, holds a further meeting to make final adjustments
 5. making final adjustments to marks prior to submission
 6. retaining work and evidence of standardisation
- Retains evidence that internal standardisation has been carried out

Subject Lecturer

- Indicates on work (or cover sheet) the date of marking
- Marks to common standards
- Keeps candidates' work secure until after the closing date for review of results for the series concerned or until any appeal, malpractice or other results enquiry has been completed, whichever is later

19. Consortium Arrangements for centre assessed NEA components

Heads of Department

- Ensures a consortium coordinator is nominated (where this may be required as the consortium lead)
- If the consortium lead, liaises with the Exams manager to ensure the awarding body is notified by submission of the Centre consortium arrangements for centre-assessed work (including Spoken Language Endorsements, GCSE English Language) for each exam series affected
- Ensures procedures for internal standardisation as a consortium are followed

Subject Lecturer

- Provides marks to the Exams manager to the internal deadline
- Provides the moderation sample to the Exams manager to the internal deadline
- Retains all candidates' work in the consortium until after the deadline for reviews of results for the exam series or until any appeal, malpractice or other results enquiry has been completed, whichever is later

Exams Manager

- Where the centre is the consortium lead:
 - submits the notification of *Centre consortium arrangements for centre-assessed work* via the awarding body's Centre Admin Portal (CAP) to the deadline for each exam series affected
 - where relevant liaises with other Exams managers in the consortium to arrange dispatch of a single moderation sample to the awarding body deadline
- (where not the consortium lead centre) submits marks for home centre candidates to the awarding body deadline

20. Submission of Marks and Work for Moderation

Heads of Departments

This may be delegated to a designated nominee by the Head of Department. Inputs and submits marks online, via the awarding body secure extranet site, keeping a record of the marks awarded, to the external deadline/provides marks to the Exams Manager to the internal deadline:

- Where responsible for marks input, ensures checks are made that marks for any additional candidates are submitted and ensures mark input is checked before submission to avoid transcription errors
- Submits the requested samples of candidates' work to the awarding body moderator by the external deadline, keeping a record of the work submitted/Provides the moderation sample to the Exams manager to the internal deadline
- Ensures that where a candidate's work has been facilitated by a scribe or practical assistant, the relevant completed cover sheet is securely attached to the front of the work and sent to the moderator in addition to the sample requested

- Ensures the moderator is provided with authentication of candidates' work, confirmation that internal standardisation has been undertaken and any other subject-specific information where this may be required

20.1. Exams Manager

- Ensures that for postal moderation:
 - work is dispatched in packaging provided by the awarding body
 - moderator label(s) provided by the awarding body are affixed to the packaging
 - Proof of dispatch is obtained and kept on file until the successful issue of results
- Through the head of department, ensures the moderator is provided with authentication of candidates' work, confirmation that internal standardisation has been undertaken and any other subject-specific information where this may be required

21. Storage and Retention of Work After Submission of Marks

Head of Department

- Keeps a record of names and candidate numbers for candidates whose work was included in the moderation sample
- Retains all marked candidates' work (including any sample returned after moderation) under secure conditions for the required retention period
- Take steps to protect any work stored electronically from corruption and has a back-up procedure in place
- Retains evidence of work where retention may be a problem (for example, photos of artefacts etc.)

Exams Manager

- Ensures any sample returned after moderation is logged and returned to the subject lecturer for secure storage and required retention

22. External Moderation Process

Head of Department

- Ensures that awarding body or its moderator receive the correct samples of candidates' work
- Where relevant, liaises with the awarding body/moderator where the moderator visits the centre to mark the sample of work
- Complies with any request from the moderator for remaining work or further evidence of the Centre's marking

23. External Moderation Feedback

23.1. Heads of Department

- Checks the final moderated marks when issued to the centre when the results are published
- Checks moderator reports and ensures that any remedial action, if necessary, is undertaken before the next exam series

Exams Manager

- Accesses or signposts any moderator reports/ feedback forms to relevant staff
- Take remedial action, if necessary, where feedback may relate to centre administration

24. Access Arrangements and Reasonable Adjustments

Subject Lecturer

- Works with the SENCo (or equivalent role) to ensure any access arrangements for eligible candidates are applied to assessments

SENCo (or equivalent role)

- Follows the regulations and guidance in the JCQ publication [Access Arrangements and Reasonable Adjustments](#) in relation to non-examination assessments including [Reasonable Adjustments for GCE A-level sciences – Endorsement of practical skills](#)
- Where arrangements do not undermine the integrity of the qualification and is the candidate's normal way of working, will ensure access arrangements are in place and awarding body approval, where required, has been obtained prior to assessments taking place
- Makes subject lecturers aware of any access arrangements for eligible candidates which need to be applied to assessments
- Works with subject lecturers to ensure requirements for access arrangement candidates requiring the support of a facilitator in assessments are met
- Ensure that staff acting as an access arrangement facilitator are fully trained in their role

25. Special Consideration and Loss of Work

Subject Lecturer

- Understands that a candidate may be eligible for special consideration in assessments in certain situations where a candidate is absent and/or produces a reduced quantity of work

- Liaises with the Exams manager when special consideration may need to be applied for a candidate taking assessments
- Liaise with the Exams manager to report loss of work to the awarding body

Exams Manager

- Refers to/directs relevant staff to the JCQ publication [A guide to the special consideration process](#)
 - Where a candidate is eligible applies for special consideration via the awarding body's secure extranet site to the prescribed timescale
 - Where application for special consideration via the awarding body's secure extranet site is not applicable, submits the required form to the awarding body to the prescribed timescale
 - Keeps required evidence on file to support the application
- Refers to/directs relevant staff to [Form 15 – JCQ/LCW](#) and where applicable submits to the relevant awarding body (For coursework, AQA and OCR centers must not submit Form 15 – JCQ/LCW. Applications must be submitted online using AQA Centre Services or OCR Interchange as appropriate)

26. Malpractice

Head of Centre

- Understands the responsibility to immediately report to the relevant awarding body any alleged, suspected or actual incidents of malpractice involving candidates, teachers, invigilators or other administrative staff
- Is familiar with the JCQ publication [Suspected Malpractice in Examinations and Assessments: Policies and Procedures](#)
- Ensures that those members of teaching staff involved in the direct supervision of candidates producing non-examination assessment are aware of the potential for malpractice and ensures that teaching staff are reminded that failure to report allegations of malpractice or suspected malpractice constitutes malpractice in itself

Subject Lecturer

- Is aware of the JCQ [Notice to Centres – Sharing NEA material and candidates' work](#) to mitigate against candidate and centre malpractice
- Ensure candidates understand what constitutes malpractice in non-examination assessments and coursework.
- Ensure candidates understand the JCQ document [Information for candidates – non- examination assessments](#) and (where applicable) [Information for candidates – Social Media](#)

- Escalates and reports any alleged, suspected or actual incidents of malpractice involving candidates to the head of centre

Exams Manager

- Signposts the JCQ publication [Suspected Malpractice in Examinations and Assessments: Policies and Procedures](#) to the head of centre
- Signposts the JCQ [Notice to Centre's – Sharing NEA material and candidates' work](#) to subject heads
- Signposts candidates to the relevant JCQ information for candidate's documents
- Where required, the head of centre supports investigating and reporting incidents of alleged, suspected or actual malpractice

27. Post-Results Services

Head of Centre

- Is familiar with the JCQ publication [post-results Services](#)
- Ensures the Centre's *internal appeals procedures* clearly detail the procedure to be followed by candidates (or their parents/carers) appealing against a centre decision not to support a review of results or an appeal

Heads of Department

- Provides relevant support to Subject lecturers making decisions about reviews of results

Subject Lecturer

- Provides advice and guidance to candidates on their results and the post-results services available
- Provides the Exams manager with the original sample or relevant sample of candidates' work that may be required for a review of moderation to the internal deadline
- Supports the Exams manager in collecting candidate consent where required

Exams Manager

- Is aware of the individual post-results services available for externally assessed and internally assessed components of non-examination assessments as detailed in the JCQ publication [Post-Results Services \(Information and guidance to centre.\)](#)
- Provides/signposts relevant centre staff and candidates to post-results services information

- Ensures any requests for post-results services that are available to centre assessed work are submitted online via the awarding body secure extranet site to deadline
- Collects candidate consent where required

28. Practical Skills Endorsement for the A Level Sciences Designed for use in England

Head of Centre

- Provides the 'Head of Centre' declaration at the time of the National Centre Number Register annual update confirming that all reasonable steps have been or will be taken to ensure that all candidates at the centre have had, or will have, the opportunity to undertake the prescribed practical activities
- Ensures new lead teachers undertake the required training provided by the awarding body on the implementation of the practical endorsement
- Ensures relevant centre staff liaise with all relevant parties in relation to arrangements for and conduct of the monitoring visit

Quality Assurance (QA) lead/Lead internal verifier (or equivalent role)

- Ensures the appropriate arrangements are in place for implementing the requirements of the practical endorsement appropriately and applying the assessment criteria correctly

Heads of Department

- Confirms understanding of the *Practical Skills Endorsement for the A Level Sciences designed for use in England* and ensures any relevant JCQ/awarding body instructions are followed
- Ensures where the centre intends to enter candidates for the first time for one or more of the A level subjects, the relevant awarding body will be contacted at the beginning of the course
- Undertakes any training provided by the awarding body on the implementation of the practical endorsement
- Disseminates information to Subject lecturers ensuring the standards can be applied appropriately
- Liaise with all relevant parties in relation to arrangements for and conduct of a monitoring visit

Subject Lecturer

- Ensures all the JCQ/awarding body requirements/instructions in relation to the endorsement are known, understood and followed
- Ensures the required arrangements for practical activities are in place

- Provides all the required centre records
- Ensures candidates provide the required records
- Provides any required information to the subject lead regarding the monitoring visit
- Assesses candidates using Common Practical Assessment Criteria (CPAC)
- Applies for an exemption where a candidate cannot access practical endorsement due to a substantial impairment
- Follows the awarding body's instructions for the submission of candidates *Pass or Not Classified* assessment outcome/provides assessment outcomes to the Exams manager to the internal deadline

Exams Manager

- Accepts contact with the monitor and pass information on to the subject lead for a visit to be arranged with at least two weeks' notice
- Confirms with the Subject lecturer that assessment outcomes have been submitted to the awarding body to the external deadline/follows the awarding body's instructions for the submission of candidates *Pass or Not Classified* assessment outcome

29. Spoken Language Endorsement for GCSE English Language Specifications Designed for use in England

Head of Centre

- Provides a signed declaration as part of the National Centre Number Register Annual Update, that all reasonable steps have been or will be taken to ensure that all candidates at the centre have had, or will have, the opportunity to undertake the Spoken Language endorsement

Quality assurance (QA) lead/Lead Internal Verifier (or equivalent role)

- Ensures the appropriate arrangements are in place for internal standardisation of assessments

Heads of Department

- Confirms understanding of the Spoken Language Endorsement for GCSE English Language specifications designed for use in England and ensures any relevant JCQ/awarding body instructions are followed
- Ensures the required task setting and task taking instructions are followed by subject lecturers
- Ensure subject lecturers assess candidates, either live or from recordings, using the common assessment criteria

- Ensures for monitoring purposes, audio-visual recordings of the presentations of a sample of candidates are provided

Subject Lecturer

- Ensures all the requirements in relation to the endorsement are known and understood
- Follows the required task setting and task taking instructions
- Assesses candidates, either live or from recordings, using the common assessment criteria
- Provides audio-visual recordings of the presentations of a sample of candidates for monitoring purposes
- Follows the awarding body's instructions for the submission of grades (*Pass, Merit, Distinction or Not Classified*) and the storage and submission of recordings

Exams Manager

- Follows the awarding body's instructions for the submission of grades and recordings

30. External Candidates

Heads of Department

- According to centre policy, it confirms if private candidates (including distance learners and home educated candidates) are accepted by the centre for entry for subjects containing components of non-examination assessment (where the specification may be made available to private candidates by the awarding body)
- Ensures relevant staff in the centre administer all aspects of the non-examination assessment process for a private candidate, according to the awarding body's specification

31. Management of Issues and Potential Risks Associated with Non-examination Assessments

Reference to non-examination assessment is intended to include any specifications with one or more non-examination assessment component or unit, controlled assessment (where applicable) and coursework.

Issue/Risk	Centre actions to manage issue/mitigate risk	Action by
Centre staff malpractice	<p><i>Records confirm that relevant centre staff are familiar with and follow:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>the current JCQ documents Instructions for conducting non-examination assessments and (where applicable) Instructions for conducting coursework</i> <p><i>the JCQ document Notice to Centres - Sharing NEA material and candidates' work -</i> www.jcq.org.uk/exams-office/non-examination-assessments</p>	Exams Manager
Candidate malpractice	<p><i>Records confirm that candidates are informed and understand they must not:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>submit work which is not their own</i> • <i>make available their work to other candidates through any medium</i> • <i>allow other candidates to have access to their own independently sourced material</i> • <i>assist other candidates to produce work</i> • <i>use books, the internet, AI or other sources without acknowledgement or attribution</i> • <i>submit work that has been word processed by a third party without acknowledgement</i> • <i>include inappropriate, offensive or obscene material</i> <p><i>Records confirm that candidates have been made aware of the JCQ documents Information for candidates - non-examination assessments, (where applicable) Information for candidates- coursework assessments and Information for candidates – Social Media -</i> www.jcq.org.uk/exams-office/information-for-candidates-documents <i>and understand they must not post their work on social media</i></p>	Curriculum Leadership Teams, Subject Lecturers and Exams Manager
Task Setting		
Awarding body set task: IT failure/corruption of task details where set task details accessed from the awarding body online	<p><i>Awarding body key date for accessing/downloading task noted prior to start of course</i></p> <p><i>IT systems checked prior to key date</i></p> <p><i>Alternative IT system used to gain access</i></p> <p><i>Awarding body contacted to request direct email of task details</i></p>	Head of IT and Exams Manager

Centre set task: Subject lecturer fails to meet the assessment criteria as detailed in the specification	<i>Ensures that subject lecturers access awarding body training information, practice materials etc. Records confirmation that Subject lecturers understand the task setting arrangements as defined in the awarding body's specification Samples assessment criteria in the centre set task</i>	Curriculum Leadership Teams and Exams' Manager
Candidates do not understand the marking criteria and what they need to do to gain credit	<i>A simplified version of the awarding body's marking criteria described in the specification that is not specific to the work of an individual candidate or group of candidates is produced for candidates Records confirm all candidates understand the marking criteria Candidates confirm/record they understand the marking criteria</i>	Curriculum Leadership Teams and Subject Lecturers
Subject lecturer long term absence during the task setting stage	<i>See Centre's contingency plan - Teaching staff extended absence</i>	Curriculum Leadership Teams
Issuing of tasks		
Task for legacy specification given to candidates undertaking new specification	<i>Ensures Subject lecturers take care to distinguish between requirements/tasks for legacy specifications and requirements/tasks for new specifications Awarding body guidance sought where this issue remains unresolved</i>	Curriculum Leadership Teams and Subject Lecturers
Awarding body set task not issued to candidates on time	<i>Awarding body key date for accessing set task as detailed in the specification noted prior to start of course Course information issued to candidates contains details of when set task will be issued and needs to be completed by Set tasks well in advance to allow time for planning, resourcing and teaching</i>	Curriculum Leadership Teams and Subject Lecturers
The wrong task is given to candidates	<i>Ensures course planning and information taken from the awarding body's specification confirms the correct task will be issued to candidates Awarding body guidance sought where this issue remains unresolved</i>	Curriculum Leadership Teams and Exams' Manager

Subject lecturer long term absence during the issuing of tasks stage	<i>See Centre's contingency plan - Teaching staff extended absence</i>	Curriculum Leadership Teams
A candidate (or parent/carer) expresses concern about safeguarding, confidentiality or faith in undertaking a task such as a presentation that may be recorded	<i>Ensures the candidate's presentation does not form part of the sample which will be recorded Contacts the awarding body at the earliest opportunity where unable to record the required number of candidates for the monitoring sample</i>	Curriculum Leadership Teams, Exams' Manager and Safeguarding and Welfare Teams
Task taking		
Supervision		
Planned assessments clash with other centre or candidate activities	<i>Assessment plan identified for the start of the course Assessment dates/periods included in centre wide calendar</i>	Curriculum Leadership Teams and Subject Lecturers
Rooms or facilities inadequate for candidates to take tasks under appropriate supervision	<i>Timetabling organised to allocate appropriate rooms and IT facilities for the start of the course Staggered sessions arranged where IT facilities insufficient for number of candidates Whole cohort to undertake written task in large exam venue at the same time (exam conditions do not apply)</i>	Curriculum Leadership Teams and Subject Lecturers
Insufficient supervision of candidates to enable work to be authenticated	<i>Confirm Subject lecturers are aware of and follow the current JCQ document Instructions for conducting non-examination assessments and any other specific instructions detailed in the awarding body's specification in relation to the supervision of candidates Confirm Subject lecturers understand their role and responsibilities as detailed in the Centre's non-examination assessment policy</i>	Curriculum Leadership Teams

<p>A candidate is suspected of malpractice prior to submitting their work for assessment</p>	<p><i>Instructions and processes in the current JCQ publication Instructions for conducting non-examination assessments (section 9 Malpractice) and (where applicable) instructions for conducting coursework (6. Malpractice in coursework) are followed</i></p> <p><i>An internal investigation and where appropriate internal disciplinary procedures are followed</i></p>	<p>Head of Centre, Principals, Vice Principals and Exams' Manager</p>
<p>Access arrangements were not put in place for an assessment where a candidate is approved for arrangements</p>	<p><i>Relevant staff are signposted to the JCQ document A guide to the special consideration process (section 2), to determine the process to be followed to apply for special consideration for the candidate</i></p>	<p>ALS Managers & Exams' Manager</p>
<p>Advice and feedback</p>		
<p>Candidate claims appropriate advice and feedback not given by subject lecturer prior to starting on their work</p>	<p><i>Ensures a centre-wide process is in place for subject lecturers to record all information provided to candidates before work begins as part of the Centre's quality assurance procedures</i></p> <p><i>Regular monitoring of subject lecturer completed records and sign-off to confirm monitoring activity. Full records kept detailing all information and advice given to candidates prior to starting their work as appropriate to the subject and component</i></p> <p><i>Candidate confirms/records advice and feedback given prior to starting their work</i></p>	<p>Head of Centre, Principals, Vice Principals and Exams' Manager</p>
<p>Candidate claims no advice and feedback given by subject lecturer during the task-taking stage</p>	<p><i>Ensure a centre-wide process is in place for subject lecturers to record all advice and feedback provided to candidates during the task-taking stage as part of the Centre's quality assurance procedures</i></p> <p><i>Regular monitoring of subject lecturer completed records and sign-off to confirm monitoring activity Full records kept detailing all advice and feedback given to candidates during the task-taking stage as appropriate to the subject and component</i></p> <p><i>Candidate confirms/records advice and feedback given during the task-taking stage</i></p>	<p>Head of Centre, Principalship and Exams' Manager</p>

<p>A third-party claim that assistance was given to candidates by the subject lecturer over and above that allowed in the regulations and specification</p>	<p><i>An investigation is conducted; candidates and Subject lecturer are interviewed, and statements recorded where relevant</i></p> <p><i>Records as detailed above are provided to confirm all assistance given</i></p> <p><i>Where appropriate, a suspected malpractice report is submitted to the awarding body</i></p>	<p>Head of Centre, Principals, Vice Principals and Exams' Manager</p>
<p>Candidate does not reference information from published source</p>	<p><i>Candidate is advised at a general level to reference information before work is submitted for formal assessment</i></p> <p><i>Candidate is again referred to the JCQ document Information for candidates: non-examination assessments and (where applicable) Information for candidates- coursework assessments</i></p> <p><i>Candidate's detailed record of their own research, planning, resources etc. is regularly checked to ensure continued completion</i></p>	<p>Head of Centre, Principals, Vice Principals and Exams' Manager</p>
<p>Candidate does not set out references as required</p>	<p><i>Candidate is advised at a general level to review and re-draft the set of references before work is submitted for formal assessment</i></p> <p><i>Candidate is again referred to the JCQ document Information for candidates: non-examination assessments and (where applicable) Information for candidates- coursework assessments</i></p> <p><i>Candidate's detailed record of their own research, planning, resources etc. is regularly checked to ensure continued completion</i></p>	<p>Directors, Heads of Departments and Exams Manager</p>
<p>Candidate joins the course late after formally supervised task taking has started</p>	<p><i>A separate supervised session(s) is arranged for the candidate to catch up</i></p>	<p>Curriculum Leadership Teams</p>
<p>Candidate moves to another centre during the course</p>	<p><i>Awarding body guidance is sought to determine what can be done depending on the stage at which the move takes place</i></p>	<p>Curriculum Leadership Teams and Exams' Manager</p>

An excluded student wants to complete their non- examination assessment(s)	<i>The awarding body specification is checked to determine if the specification is available to a candidate outside mainstream education If so, arrangements for supervision, authentication and marking are made separately for the candidate</i>	Head of Centre, Principals, Vice Principals and Exams' Manager
Resources		
A candidate augments notes and resources between formally supervised sessions	<i>Preparatory notes and the work to be assessed are collected in and kept secure between formally supervised sessions Where memory sticks are used by candidates, these are collected in and kept secure between formally supervised sessions Where work is stored on the Centre's network, access for candidates is restricted between formally supervised sessions</i>	Curriculum Leadership Teams, subject lecturers and Exams' Manager
A candidate fails to acknowledge sources on work that is submitted for assessment	<i>Candidate's detailed record of their own research, planning, resources etc. is checked to confirm all the sources used, including books, websites and audio/visual resources Awarding body guidance is sought on whether the work of the candidate should be marked where candidate's detailed records acknowledge sources appropriately Where confirmation is unavailable from candidate's records, awarding body guidance is sought and/or a mark of zero is submitted to the awarding body for the candidate</i>	Directors, Heads of Departments and Exams Manager
Word and time limits		
A candidate is penalised by the awarding body for exceeding word or time limits	<i>Records confirm the awarding body specification has been checked to determine if word or time limits are mandatory Where limits are for guidance only, candidates are discouraged from exceeding them Candidates confirm/record any information provided to them on word or time limits is known and understood</i>	Directors, Heads of Departments and Subject Lecturers

Collaboration and group work		
Candidates have worked in groups where the awarding body specification states this is not permitted	<i>Records confirm the awarding body specification has been checked to determine if group work is permitted Awarding body guidance sought where this issue remains unresolved</i>	Curriculum Leadership Teams and Exams' Manager
Authentication procedures		
A teacher has doubts about the authenticity of the work submitted by a candidate for internal assessment Candidate plagiarises other material	<i>Records confirm subject staff have been made aware of the JCQ document Teachers sharing assessment material and candidates' work Records confirm that candidates have been issued with the current JCQ document Information for candidates: non-examination assessments Candidates confirm/record that they understand what they need to do to comply with the regulations for non-examination assessments as outlined in the JCQ document Information for candidates: non-examination assessments and (where applicable) Information for candidates- coursework assessments The candidate's work is not accepted for assessment A mark of zero is recorded and submitted to the awarding body</i>	Curriculum Leadership Teams and Exams' Manager
Candidate does not sign their authentication statement/declaration	<i>Records confirm that candidates have been issued with the current JCQ document Information for candidates: non-examination assessments and (where applicable) Information for candidates- coursework assessments Candidates confirm/record they understand what they need to do to comply with the regulations as outlined in the JCQ document Information for candidates: non-examination assessments and (where applicable) Information for candidates- coursework assessments Declaration is checked for signature before accepting the work of a candidate for formal assessment</i>	Curriculum Leadership Teams and Subject Lecturers
Subject lecturer not available to sign authentication forms	<i>Ensures a centre-wide process is in place for Subject lecturers to sign authentication forms at the point of marking candidates work as part of the Centre's quality assurance procedures</i>	Head of Centre, Principals and Vice Principals

Presentation of work		
Candidate does not fully complete the awarding body's cover sheet that is attached to their work submitted for formal assessment	<i>Cover sheet is checked to ensure it is fully completed before accepting the work of a candidate for formal assessment</i>	Subject Lecturers
Keeping materials secure		
Candidates work between formal supervised sessions is not securely stored	<i>Records confirm Subject lecturers are aware of and follow current JCQ publication Instructions for conducting non-examination assessments</i> <i>Regular monitoring/internal audit ensures Subject lecturer use of appropriate secure storage</i>	Curriculum Leadership Teams, Head of IT and Subject Lecturers
Adequate secure storage not available to Subject lecturer	<i>Records confirm adequate/sufficient secure storage is available to Subject lecturer prior to the start of the course</i> <i>Alternative secure storage sourced where required</i>	Curriculum Leadership Teams, Head of IT and Subject Lecturers
Candidates work produced electronically is not securely stored	<i>Records confirm subject teachers are aware of and follow current JCQ document Instructions for conducting non-examination assessments</i> <i>Internal processes and regular monitoring/internal audit by IT Manager ensures:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>access to this material is restricted (insert how)</i> • <i>appropriate security safeguards are in place (</i> • <i>an effective back-up strategy is employed so that an up-to-date archive of candidates' evidence is maintained</i> • <i>any sensitive digital media is encrypted (according to awarding body guidance to ensure that the method of encryption is suitable) to ensure the security of the data stored within it</i> 	IT Team
Task marking – externally assessed components		
A candidate is absent on the day of the examiner visit for an acceptable reason	<i>Awarding body guidance is sought to determine if alternative assessment arrangements can be made for the candidate</i> <i>If not, eligibility for special consideration is explored and a request submitted to the awarding body where appropriate</i>	Curriculum Leadership Teams and Exams' Manager

A candidate is absent on the day of the examiner visit for an unacceptable reason	<i>The candidate is marked absent on the attendance register</i>	Subject Lecturer
Task marking – internally assessed components		
A candidate submits little or no work	<i>Where a candidate submits no work, the candidate is recorded as absent when marks are submitted to the awarding body Where a candidate submits little work, the work produced is assessed against the assessment criteria and a mark allocated appropriately; where the work does not meet any of the assessment criteria a mark of zero is submitted to the awarding body</i>	Subject Lecturer
A candidate is unable to finish their work for unforeseen reason	<i>Relevant staff are signposted to the JCQ document A guide to the special consideration process (section 5), to determine eligibility and the process to be followed for shortfall in work</i>	Curriculum Leadership Teams and Subject Lecturers
The work of a candidate is lost or damaged	<i>Relevant staff are signposted to the JCQ document Instructions for conducting non-examination assessments (8) /VTQs (15) and (where applicable) Instructions for conducting coursework (16) to determine eligibility and the process to be followed for lost or damaged work</i>	Curriculum Leadership Teams and Exams' Manager
Candidate malpractice is discovered	<i>Instructions and processes in the current JCQ documents Instructions for conducting non-examination assessments (9) /VTQs (5). and (where applicable) Instructions for conducting coursework (6.) are followed Investigation and reporting procedures in the current JCQ document Suspected Malpractice in Examinations and Assessments are followed Appropriate internal disciplinary procedures are also followed</i>	Head of Centre, Principals, Vice Principals and Exams' Manager
A teacher marks the work of their own child	<i>A conflict of interest is declared by informing the awarding body that a teacher is teaching their own child at the start of the course Marked work of said child is submitted for moderation whether part of the sample requested or not</i>	Head of Centre, Principals, Vice Principals and Exams Manager

<p>An extension to the deadline for submission of marks is required for a legitimate reason</p>	<p><i>Awarding body is contacted to determine if an extension can be granted</i></p> <p><i>Relevant staff are signposted to the JCQ document on non-examination assessments, to determine eligibility and the process to be followed for an extension</i></p>	<p>Curriculum Leadership Teams and Exams' Manager</p>
<p>After submission of marks, it is discovered that the wrong task was given to candidates</p>	<p>Awarding body is contacted for guidance</p> <p>Relevant staff are signposted to the JCQ guidance on non-examination assessments, to determine eligibility and the process to be followed to apply for special consideration for candidates</p>	<p>Curriculum Leadership Teams and Exams' Manager</p>
<p>candidate wishes to appeal/request a review of the marks awarded for their work by their teacher</p>	<p><i>Candidates are informed of the marks they have been awarded for their work prior to the marks being submitted to the awarding body</i></p> <p><i>Records confirm candidates have been informed of their marks</i></p> <p><i>Candidates are informed that these marks are subject to change through the awarding body's moderation process</i></p> <p><i>Candidates are informed of their marks to the timescale identified in the Centre's internal appeals procedure and prior to the internal deadline set by the Exams manager for the submission of marks</i></p> <p><i>Through preparation, candidates are made aware of the Centre's internal appeals procedures and timescale for submitting an appeal/request for a review of the Centre's marking prior to the submission of marks to the awarding body</i></p>	<p>Curriculum Leadership Teams and Exams' Manager</p>

<p>Deadline for submitting work for formal assessment not met by candidate</p>	<p><i>Records confirm deadlines given and understood by candidates at the start of the course</i></p> <p><i>Candidates confirm/record deadlines known and understood</i></p> <p><i>Depending on the circumstances, awarding body guidance sought to determine if the work can be accepted late for marking providing the awarding body's deadline for submitting marks can be met</i></p> <p><i>Decision made (depending on the circumstances) if the work will be accepted late for marking or a mark of zero submitted to the awarding body for the candidate</i></p>	<p>Curriculum Leadership Teams and Subject Lecturers</p>
<p>Deadline for submitting marks and samples of candidates work ignored by subject lecturer</p>	<p><i>Internal/external deadlines are published at the start of each academic year</i></p> <p><i>Reminders are issued through Directors as deadlines approach</i></p> <p><i>Records confirm deadlines known and understood by Subject lecturers</i></p> <p><i>Where appropriate, internal disciplinary process is followed</i></p>	<p>Curriculum Leadership Teams</p>
<p>Subject lecturer long term absence during the marking period</p>	<p><i>See Centre's exam contingency plan (Teaching staff extended absence at key points in the exam cycle)</i></p>	