

Student Exam Handbook 2019-20





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Introduction

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

It is the aim of Goldington Academy to make the exam experience as stress free and successful as possible for all candidates.

This booklet aims to provide information that is helpful and informative. Please read it carefully so that you are aware of the exam regulations and procedures and share it with your parents or guardians so that they are also aware.

The Examination Boards (sometimes called Awarding Bodies) set down strict criteria which must be followed for the conduct of examinations and Goldington Academy is required to follow them precisely. You should therefore pay particular attention to the JCQ notices at the end of this booklet. Failure to do so can result in disqualification from some or all of your subjects.

If there is anything that you do not understand, please ask. If you or your parents or guardians have any queries or need help or advice at any time before, during or after the examinations, please contact Mrs Taggart, the Examinations Officer at examoffice@goldington.beds.sch.uk

Purpose of the candidate exam handbook

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



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Malpractice

All candidates should be aware of what malpractice is and the possible consequences;

- To maintain the integrity of qualifications, strict Regulations are in place
- Malpractice means any act or practice which is in breach of the Regulations
- Any alleged, suspected or actual incidents of malpractice will be investigated and reported to the relevant awarding body/bodies
- JCQ provides information regarding what constitutes malpractice:
 - o Introduction of unauthorised material into the examination room
 - Breaches of examination conditions
 - Exchanging, obtaining, receiving, or passing on information which could be examination related (or the attempt to)
 - Offences relating to the content of candidates' work
 - Undermining the integrity of examinations/assessments
- Please see Appendix 5 and 6 in the JCQ <u>Suspected Malpractice in Examinations</u> and <u>Assessments</u> for levels of seriousness and appropriate ranges of penalties applied to candidates

Candidates should be aware that the following constitute malpractice:

- Copying or allowing work to be copied i.e. posting written work on social networking sites prior to an examination/assessment;
- Collusion: working collaboratively with other candidates beyond what is permitted;
- Allowing others to help produce your work or helping others with theirs:
- Being in possession of confidential assessment related information in advance of the examination;
- Exchanging, obtaining, receiving (even if not requested) or passing on assessment related information by any means of communication (even if just attempting to);
- Failing to report to your centre assessment related information being shared online;
- Passing on rumours of exam content.

Personal data

The awarding bodies collect information about exam candidates.

To understand what information is collected and how it is used, you must read the JCQ Information for candidates – Privacy Notice (Appendix 4)



Copyright

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

Written timetabled exams

Candidates will receive a provisional statement of entry once they have been entered for written exams. The majority of written exams will take place in the summer of Year 11, but some will take place during earlier exam seasons.

It is important that you;

- Check that your personal details and exam entries are correct on the statement of entry.
- If this information is incorrect, tell your teacher or the exams officer (the name displayed on your statement of entry will be the name on your certificate).

Candidate exam timetables will be issued closer to the start of the exam season:

- Check your 'Candidate exam timetable' to make sure you know the date and time of all your exams and any relevant information regarding seating arrangements, exam rooms. Your tutor will give this to you.
- Information will also be on the exams notice board so you can double check where and when your exam is (opposite ICT1).
- Make sure you know the JCQ regulations for Written Exams (<u>Appendix 3</u>). Ask your teacher to go through it with you.
- Make sure you have read the JCQ exam room posters Warning to candidates, Mobile Phones (<u>Appendix 6</u>, on the website and on the exams notice board)

On-screen tests

On-screen tests are conducted under exam conditions and invigilated in the same way as written exams.

 Make sure you know the JCQ regulations for on-screen tests (<u>Appendix 2</u>). Ask your teacher to go through it with you.



Non-examination assessments

Some qualifications are not assessed by formal examinations, or have elements of coursework which are internally assessed. Your teacher will advise which subjects this applies to.

- Make sure you know the JCQ regulations for non-examined assessments (NEAs) (Appendix 1). Ask your teacher to go through it with you.
- Ask your teacher when the assessments will take place.
- Ask your teacher when and where the assessments will be.
- Make sure you know your deadlines. Ask your teacher if you don't know.
- Candidates' work will be marked in accordance with the marking criteria provided by the awarding body
- Ask your teacher when you will know your assessment marks (subject to external moderation), and which NEA work is externally marked.
- Ensure you are familiar with Goldington Academy's *Internal Appeals policy* (see the school website).

Contingency day - Summer 2020

The awarding bodies have designated Wednesday 24 June 2020 as a 'contingency day' for examinations. This is consistent with the qualification regulators' document *Exam system contingency plan: England, Wales and Northern Ireland* -

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/examsystem-contingency-plan-england-wales-and-northern-ireland

The designation of a 'contingency day' within the common examination timetable is in the event of national or local disruption to examinations. It is part of the awarding bodies' standard contingency planning for examinations.

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. Centres will be alerted if it was agreed to reschedule the examinations and the affected candidates will be expected to make themselves available in such circumstances. The decision regarding the re-scheduling of examinations will always rest with the awarding body. The centre must conduct the examination on the scheduled date unless instructed to do otherwise by the awarding body.

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. 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.

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

- A clash is when two or more exams are timetabled at the same time.
- If a candidate is taking two or more examinations in a session and the total time is three hours or less, the candidate's examinations will be completed in succession. The candidate can have a short break of no more than 20 minutes which will be supervised. This must be conducted within the examination room, under formal examination conditions at all times. Therefore, candidates cannot revise or access their personal belongings.
- If a candidate is taking two or more papers timetabled in a session and the total time is more than three hours including approved extra time allowances and/or supervised rest breaks, it is permitted to conduct an examination in a later or earlier session within the same day. However, the security of the examination must still be maintained. Candidates must be supervised in line with JCQ requirements. The candidate must not; a) be in possession of an electronic communication/storage device or have access to the internet; b) have contact with any candidate who has sat the examination; c) be coached by a member of centre staff.
- Candidates will be able to identify if they have an examination clash when they
 receive their exam timetable. The examinations will be scheduled in accordance
 with the above guidance and arrangements will be shown.
- Candidates who require supervision between morning and afternoon examinations
 are required to bring a drink and packed lunch for their break. Candidates should
 also bring any notes they intend to refer to during the period of supervision.

Where you will take your exams

The majority of Year 11 formal exams will be in the sports barn. Exceptions will be those with certain access arrangements but this is at the discretion of the SENDCo.

Candidates will be issued with a seating timetable advising them of their seat number for each examination. It is expected that candidates know their seat number when entering the examination room.

What time your exams will start and finish

- Morning exams start at 9:00 am
- Afternoon exams start at 1:30 pm
- Candidates are expected to arrive at least 15 minutes before the start of the exam allowing candidates to take their seat and all relevant notices and instructions to be given prior to the start time.
- Candidates are expected to stay for the duration of their examination without exception.
- Exam times may vary in case of clashes or exams taken in shifts. So always check the times and venues of your exams.



Supervision during your exams

- Exams are supervised by a team of invigilators from outside the school.
- Students are expected to behave in a respectful manner towards all invigilators and follow their instructions at all times.
- These invigilators have to follow strict rules and regulations when conducting exams as directed by JCQ and CIE awarding bodies.
- Invigilators cannot discuss the examination paper with you or explain the questions.
- The Exams Officer and / or member of the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) will remove any student who is disruptive or behaves in an unacceptable manner from the examination room.
- All acts of inappropriate behaviour will be dealt with in accordance with the school's behaviour policy and reported to the JCQ as malpractice.

Exam room conditions

- Please arrive at your exam room with plenty of time.
- Candidates in the sports barn will line up at the appropriate signage (surname) on the playground and will be instructed to enter the exam room by a member of SLT.
- Candidates should only bring with them the equipment needed for the exam. All other belongings must be left outside the exam room (including mobile phones and watches).
- You should leave all personal belongings at home or in your locker. There is no storage for bags in the exam room.
- Candidates are under formal exam conditions from the moment they enter the exam room until they are given permission to leave by the invigilator.
- Candidates must listen to and follow the instructions of the invigilator at all times in the exam room.
- Candidates must not communicate with other candidates.
- The following information will be displayed in the exam room: Centre number 15171, subject, paper number, start and finish times and the date of the exam. There will also be a clock, exam regulations, fire regulations and any other pertinent notices.
- Candidates are responsible for producing legible handwriting in their exams, unless you have been granted the use of a word processor.
- You should raise your hand if you need additional answer sheets/answer books. If you use additional sheets or booklet, all relevant details must be completed (legal forename/surname, exam number and centre number) to ensure that it can be identified should it separate from your main paper.

Where you will sit in the exam room

- You will sit in exam number order in the exam room.
- Your name and candidate number will be on a candidate card on the desk. Exam seating plans will be displayed outside the venue.
- If you cannot find your desk, please ask the invigilator.



How your identity is confirmed in the exam room

- The invigilator has access to a photograph of every candidate, so that s/he knows who
 you are.
- There will be a desk card on your desk identifying who you are.
- A member of the SLT will take a register at the beginning of every exam.

Centre and candidate numbers

- You will need to write your centre number and candidate number on all exam answer booklets and additional sheets.
- Our centre number is 15171, which will be clearly displayed in each room.
- Your candidate number is a four digit number and will be found on your individual timetable and on the candidate card on your exam desk.
- You must write your name and number exactly as shown on your candidate card.
 Legal names are used for exams, not 'preferred' names.

What equipment you need to bring to your exams

Ask your teacher what equipment you are allowed to bring to the exam.

Only authorised material can be brought into the exam room. You must bring all your own equipment to every exam, if you are not allowed to use any particular item you will be told in the briefing before your exam starts.

- Remember that you need to write in black ink (Please bring spare pens)
- Do not use any of the following:
 - Correcting pens, fluid or tapeErasable pens / friction pens
 - Highlighters
 - □ Gel Pens
- Your pencil case must be see through / clear
- Your water bottle must be see through and have no label, writing or measurements on it – only water is permitted.

You may use coloured pens or inks for diagrams, maps, charts etc. only if your exam allows them. The instructions at the front of your paper will tell you if these are/not allowed.

What you should <u>not</u> bring into the exam room

- You are not allowed any electronic materials, earphones (including headphones or air pods) or watches (internet enabled or otherwise) in exams.
- Candidates should not be in possession of any notes. Candidates should thoroughly check their pockets prior to entering the exam room.
- If you do bring a forbidden item into the exam, you may be disqualified from that exam, or from all exams in the series, depending on the offence.



What if you think you have the wrong paper?

 The invigilator will ask you to check your paper before the exam starts. If you think something is wrong, put your hand up and tell the invigilator immediately.

Using calculators

You must be aware of JCQ awarding body instructions regarding the use of calculators in your exams.

Candidates may use a calculator in an examination unless prohibited by the awarding body's specification. Where the use of a calculator is allowed, candidates are responsible for making sure that their calculators meet the awarding bodies' regulations.

Calculators must be:

- of a size suitable for use on the desk;
- either battery or solar powered;
- free of lids, cases and covers which have printed instructions or formulas.

The candidate is responsible for the following:

- o the calculator's power supply;
- the calculator's working condition;
- clearing anything stored in the calculator.

Calculators must not:

- be designed or adapted to offer any of these facilities: -
 - language translators;
 - o symbolic algebra manipulation;
 - symbolic differentiation or integration;
 - communication with other machines or the internet;
- be borrowed from another candidate during an examination for any reason;
- have retrievable information stored in them this includes:
 - databanks;
 - dictionaries;
 - mathematical formulas;
 - o text.

[Taken from JCQ Instructions for conducting examinations 2019-2020, Section 10]

Food and drink in exam rooms

- Clear plastic bottles of water (no other type of drink) are allowed in the exam room, all labels must be removed before entering the room. There should be no writing or measurements on your bottle. These must be kept on the floor, not the exam desk.
- NO other drinks or food will be allowed in the exam room unless you have a medical need that has been discussed with the Exams Officer.



What you should wear for your exams

It is a requirement that you wear your full Goldington Academy school uniform for all your exams. There will be no exceptions made. If you arrive in unsuitable clothing, you will be asked to leave.

Where your personal belongings will be stored during your exam

- You should leave all personal belongings at home or in your locker. There is no storage for bags in the exam room.
- If you have forgotten to leave your electronic equipment in safe keeping, you can leave
 it with the invigilator. You should remember to ask for it back at the end of the exam.
 Goldington Academy accepts no responsibility for possessions left with the invigilator.

What to do if you arrive late for an exam

It sounds obvious, but.....ensure that you know which date your exams are taking place and whether they are morning or afternoon exams.

- Morning exams start at 9:00 am
- Afternoon exams start at 1:30 pm
- Candidates are expected to arrive at least 15 minutes before the start of the exam allowing candidates to take their seat and all relevant notices and instructions to be given prior to the start time.
- A register is taken at the start of each exam to check that all candidates are here.
- If you are running late for your exam, you or your parents must call the School Office on 01234 261516 as a matter of urgency. Please inform reception that you are late for your exam and leave a contact number.
- Please continue your journey to school and don't panic. When you arrive at school
 you should report to the main reception and a member of the School Office staff will
 escort you to the exam venue.
- If you arrive for your exam within an hour of the PUBLISHED START TIMES you will be allowed to take your seat and begin your exam, you will be given the full amount of time for that exam.

If you are going to be "VERY LATE" for an exam – i.e. more than an hour after the published start times – you must call us as early as possible. Even though we will allow you to sit the exam, and give you the full time for that exam, you should be aware that the exam board may not accept your paper. You will need to prove that you have not had access to the internet whilst making your way into school. The best way to do this is to:

- Avoid public transport
- Ask your parent/carer to drive you to school and ensure you give them all internet enabled devices you may be carrying e.g. mobile phone, smartwatch
- You and your parent/carer will be asked to sign a letter confirming that you have not had internet access and from what time
- You and your parent/carer will be asked to make a written statement giving the details
 of your movements until you arrived for the exam
- The decision about whether to accept your script is at the discretion of the exam board



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

- If you are unwell and unable to attend an exam, ask your parent/carer to contact the school office as a matter of urgency.
- If you are unwell but manage to attend the exam, ask your parent/carer to call the
 exams officer and tell the invigilator when you arrive so they are aware of how you are
 feeling.
- If you feel unwell during the exam, put up your hand. If you just need a short break, you will be escorted out and you will be able to return. If you leave the exam venue alone, you will not be allowed to return.
- If you miss any of your exam papers, or part of an exam through illness, see your doctor and get a medical certificate stating the problem. The certificate must include the doctor's name and address and should be given to Mrs Taggart as soon as possible. If you have missed a written paper then this evidence must be provided within three days of the exam date. It may be possible to be given Special Consideration by an exam board if you are ill. It is your responsibility to ask for this and provide evidence to support your application.

What happens if you have an unauthorised absence from an exam

 If you do not attend any part of an external exam for which you have been entered your parent/carer will be asked to pay for this exam unless a medical certificate is produced within three days.

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

In the event of the emergency bell sounding the following will happen:

- The invigilator will ask you to stop writing, close your answer booklet and put your pen down
- The invigilator /Exam Officer/ SLT will evacuate the room if there is clear danger
- If there is no clear danger to candidates the invigilator will await instructions from SLT, who will be with you very quickly

In the event of a false alarm:

- The exam will be re-started once the alarm bell has stopped ringing
- You will be given a few minutes to compose yourself and get ready to start
- The amount of time lost will be added on to your exam time so that you do not lose out. The new finish time will be clearly written on the whiteboard at the front of the room

If an evacuation is necessary:

- The invigilator will ask you to line up in complete silence and leave the exam venue without talking to one another, or to any other pupil you may see during the evacuation
- During the whole evacuation time you cannot speak to any other pupil as this may compromise exam security and will mean that the exam may have to be abandoned
- Once you have returned to the exam room your new finish time will be calculated and you will be given time to compose yourself before the exam is re-started.
- Special consideration will be requested for all candidates that were affected by the fire alarm.



Candidates with access arrangements

Access Arrangements are determined by the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Coordinator (SENDCo), in conjunction with relevant teaching staff and exam office personnel. They are agreed before an assessment/exam. They allow candidates with special education needs, disabilities or temporary injuries to:

- Access the assessment/exam;
- Show what they know and can do without changing the demands of the assessment/exam.

Goldington Academy will apply directly to the awarding bodies for access arrangements on your behalf. You will be notified of your approved access arrangements in writing by the SENDCo. Access arrangements are applied for based on your usual way of working. In some cases an assessment may be carried out with you by an external assessor who specialises in access arrangements. If your teacher thinks you would benefit from this they will discuss it in detail with you and make recommendations to the SENDCo.

Where possible all candidates with access arrangements will be accommodated in the main exams venue with all other candidates. If a separate venue is necessary, you will be informed and it will be clearly indicated on your exams timetable.

Alleged, suspected or actual incidents of malpractice

Attempted or actual malpractice activity will not be tolerated. The school will follow the JCQ procedures as described in JCQ's "Suspected Malpractice in Examinations and Assessment: Policies and Procedures" document.

The following are examples of malpractice by candidates with regard to non-examined assessments. This list is not exhaustive:

- Plagiarism: the copying and passing off as the candidate's own work the whole or part of another person's work
- Collusion: working collaboratively with other learners to produce work which is submitted as the candidate's only
- Failing to abide by the instructions of an assessor: this may refer to the use of resources which the candidates have specifically been told not to use
- The alteration of any results document

If a member of staff suspects a candidate of malpractice the candidate will be informed and the allegation will be explained. The candidate will have the opportunity to give their side of the story before any final decision is made. If the candidate accepts that malpractice has occurred she/he will be given the opportunity to repeat the assignment as long as the candidate has not already signed the authentication form. If found guilty of malpractice following an investigation, the member of staff may decide to re-mark previous assignments and these could also be rejected if similar concerns are identified.

Should the candidate be found guilty of malpractice after having signed the authentication form then the matter is no longer subject to internal school discipline and must be reported to the relevant awarding body.



The following are examples of malpractice by candidates in externally assessed examinations (this list is not exhaustive):

- Talking during an examination
- Taking a mobile phone into an examination turned on or off on purpose or accidentally
- Taking any item other than those accepted by the Awarding Body into an examination such as an iPod, smart watch, any other electronic equipment, books or notes
- Leaving the examination room without permission
- Passing notes or papers or accepting notes or papers from another candidate
- Communicating in any way with another candidate

If a member of staff or invigilator suspects a candidate of malpractice during an examination, the candidate will be informed and the allegation will be explained. The candidate will have the opportunity to give his/her side of the story before any final decision is made. If the candidate is found guilty of malpractice, the Awarding Body will be informed and the candidate's examination paper will be withdrawn. It is unlikely that the candidate will have the opportunity to repeat the examination

Results

- Summer 2020 provisional* statements of results will be issued/distributed on the following date:
 - o Thursday 20th August 2020
- GCSE, Cambridge Nationals, WJEC Level 1 / 2, BTEC level 1 / 2 and Entry level certificates
 - Year 11 09:00am -12:00pm in the Main Hall
 - Year 10 10:00am -12:00pm in the Main Hall
- Selected teachers and members of the senior leadership team will be available during the exam results collection window.
- Results will **not** be given via telephone under any circumstance.
- If you are unable to attend results day in person, the following options are available to you;
 - If you wish any other person (including family members) to collect your results on your behalf, you must complete the relevant form by 10th July 2020. They must bring their part of the form and some form of ID with them on the day.
 - If you would like your results to be posted home on results day, you must complete the relevant form and provide a stamped addressed A5 envelope by 10th July 2020.
 - If you would like your results to be e-mailed to you on results day, you must complete the relevant form and confirm your e-mail by reply by 10th July 2020.
 - All forms can be obtained from and must be returned to Mrs Taggart in the Exams Office.

^{*} results are 'provisional' until a certificate has been produced by the awarding body.



Post-results services

Awarding bodies offer two post results services to candidates (for a fee payable by the candidate);

- Review of results (either a clerical check and/or a review of marking)
- Access to scripts

Service 1 - Clerical check

This service includes the following checks:

That all parts of the script have been marked. The totalling of marks. The recording of marks. The application of any adjustments. The application of grade thresholds. The application of any special consideration, where applicable (indicate on form). The outcome of the re-check will be reported along with a statement of the total marks awarded for each unit/component included in the enquiry. The target for completion is within 20 calendar days of exam board receiving the request.

Service 2 - Review of marking

This is a post-results review of the original marking to ensure that the agreed mark scheme has been applied correctly. <u>It is not a re-marking of the candidate's script</u>. The deadline for completion is within 30 calendar days of the awarding body receiving the request.

This service will include:

- the clerical re-checks detailed in Service 1;
- a review of marking as described above;
- if requested, a copy of the reviewed script(s) for those units/components included as part of the Access to Scripts service.

ATS – Access to scripts

A photocopy / scanned copy or the original of the student's script.

- Requests for post results services can only be made by the centre at which the candidate's entries were made and with the candidates written consent (informed consent via candidate e-mail is acceptable).
- It is important that you discuss any review options with your subject teacher before applying – as marks can go up or down and there is no option to revert to a previous, higher mark.
- The deadlines for applications are final and it should be noted that scripts are destroyed after a certain time so these services must be applied for immediately after receiving your results.
- There will be a fee for all Post Results Services as outlined by the Exam Boards.
- Applications will not be submitted to the Board without payment having been received.
 If you require a review of marking (RoM) of a subject involving more than one unit, the fee is payable for each unit that is being reviewed.
- Further details will be sent to you nearer the time showing you the options and fees.
- The internal appeals procedure outlines the centre's procedure in relation to postresults services: the policy can be found on the school website - <u>Internal Appeals</u> <u>Policy</u>



Certificates

- Certificates are made available for collection in the Main Hall on a specific date in December.
- If you are unable to attend school on that date, you can collect your certificates in person from the school reception during the following spring term. You will need to show a photo ID.
- If you are unable to collect your certificate from reception you must nominate a
 responsible person, and provide written consent that this person may collect your
 certificates on your behalf. This nominated person must present your written consent
 and photographic ID to reception staff.
- Uncollected Certificates will be retained by the school for a maximum of three years and then be confidentially destroyed.
- Certificates are important documents. Most educational institutions and potential employers will ask to see your original certificates. If you lose or fail to collect your certificates, you will need to obtain duplicates from the relevant Awarding Body. This currently costs in the region of £40.00 per certificate.

Internal appeals procedures

Some subjects that are taught at Goldington Academy require candidates to undertake non-examined assessments (NEA). There are strict regulations and guidelines issued by the awarding bodies regarding the production of this type of work. Copies of these guidelines are included at the end of this booklet. Please take time to read these instructions. (Appendix 1)

- An 'Internal Appeals Policy' is in place for any candidate who feels that the assessment
 of their NEA has not been carried out fairly, consistently and in accordance with the
 specification for the qualification. This can be found on the school website.
- Your teacher will inform you of your centre assessed mark before these are submitted to the exam board.
- You will then have 4 calendar days to submit a written internal appeal, using the internal appeals form, requesting a review of your centre assessed mark.
- The written statement must clearly indicate the grounds for the appeal using the Internal Appeals Form on the school website.
- Appeals can only be made on the basis of application of the mark scheme or failure to adhere to JCQ or awarding body regulations.
- Mark schemes are accessible on the relevant subject area of the awarding body website.

Complaints and appeals procedure

Goldington Academy has a written complaints and appeals procedure which will cover general complaints regarding the centre's delivery or administration of a qualification. This can be found on the school website.



BTEC

What makes Vocational Qualifications different?

At Goldington Academy we offer three different types of vocational qualifications which are covered by the policies, guidance and regulations as set out in this handbook;

- Cambridge Nationals
- WJEC Vocational Level 1/2
- BTEC Tech Award

These qualifications are different to GCSE qualifications because:

Students develop skills, knowledge and understanding in the vocational area they are studying.

Each vocational course is made up of a number of units, allowing students to build up their qualification in stages.

- Students are assessed through coursework and an external examination.
- Students produce evidence for their key skills qualification through their vocational course.
- Students take responsibility for their own learning by planning their work, doing research and regularly reviewing their progress.

Whilst Cambridge Nationals and WJEC Vocational qualifications are administered in a similar way to GCSEs, BTEC have a number of key differences which are detailed below:

BTEC Qualification Details

BTEC qualifications are designed to give learners the skills and knowledge needed to move into employment or progress to higher education. The content of your qualification is therefore created and developed with the support and input of employers, industries and Higher Education establishments. These qualifications are written to meet the regulatory expectations of Government and national organisations. The delivery and assessment of your qualification is carefully planned and monitored through clearly identified quality assurance measures to ensure that every BTEC learner's achievement is judged fairly and equally.

Registration & Certification Information

BTEC learners are required to be registered with Pearson before November of the year they start their studies.

If you are on a programme of study being delivered from September to July it is vitally important that deadlines for assessed work are met to prevent any delays in your certification.

If your programme includes examination fees the cost of your first attempt is included in your registration fee paid by the centre.



Assessment and Verification

All BTEC qualifications are regulated by rules regarding the management of the quality of assessment of learning and the awarding of grades.

Internal Assessment

The content of the assessment will be outlined on an Assignment Brief. For every assessment there will be a clear deadline by which the work must be submitted to your assessor (teacher).

Your work will be marked and following that a sample of the assessments will be checked by another member of the teaching team to ensure the grading is fair and accurate. Once this has been completed you will be given your grade for that assignment and feedback which will help you to improve and develop your skills.

External Assessment

In order to meet the needs and feedback of employers and Higher Education there has been an increase in the rigour and robustness to the way BTECs are assessed. This comes through the introduction of external assessment i.e. Pearson formally mark and grade external units. The aim of external assessment is to help prepare learners to fulfil their potential in either the world of work or progress to further study.

The external units on your qualification will be assessed through a paper-based exam.

Synoptic Assessments

BTEC Tech Awards include synoptic assessments which draw together your understanding and skills from the other internally assessed components in a task-based or written assessment. These components / units will be externally assessed (marked).

Who is involved with BTECs?

Subject teachers (assessors)

They are responsible for planning lessons, preparing resources, assessing work and making sure that the units are completed on time.

Programme manager

This is the teacher in charge of the course. S/he must make sure that the units are being taught correctly and that sufficient resources are available.

Internal Verifier (IV)

S/he will check (IV) the assessment of all teachers on the course, they sample the work of all students on the course and provides written feedback. The IV works with the external verifier.

Quality Nominee (QN)

This person oversees all of the vocational courses in school to make sure that standards are being met. This will be done by:

- Visiting lessons
- Looking at students' work
- Collecting information on student achievement



External Standards Verifier

This person works for Pearson and has knowledge of the subject and the course. They will liaise with the QN and LIV and will sample the work from one unit.

Exam Officer

The examinations officer is responsible for registering students for the course and for claiming qualifications.

BTEC Resubmission of Evidence

Opportunities for resubmission of evidence

Because every assignment contributes to the final qualification grade, it may be appropriate for the Lead Internal Verifier to authorise one opportunity for a learner to resubmit evidence to meet assessment criteria targeted by an assignment.

Because every assignment contributes towards the final qualification grade, the BTEC rules framework allows for one resubmission of evidence for each assignment. There are clear guidelines around when and how your Lead Internal Verifier can authorise a resubmission which ensure any resubmissions are fairly and consistently implemented for all learners.

When can a Lead Internal Verifier authorise a resubmission?

The Lead Internal Verifier can only authorise a resubmission if all of the following conditions are met:

- the learner has met initial deadlines set in the assignment, or has met an agreed deadline extension
- the tutor judges that the learner will be able to provide improved evidence without further guidance
- the assessor has authenticated the evidence submitted for assessment and the evidence is accompanied by a signed-and-dated declaration of authenticity by the learner.

Policies

All BTEC courses at Goldington Academy are covered by the exam regulations and procedures as set out in this handbook and in exams policies as published on the school website - www.goldingtonacademy.org.uk

Goldington Academy will adhere to guidance and polices for BTEC as set out by Pearson - gualifications.pearson.com



Appendix 1 - JCQ Information for candidates - Non-examination assessments

You **must** read this information if you are taking any qualifications that contain elements of non-examination assessment.



This notice has been produced on behalf of:

AQA, OCR, Pearson and WJEC

Information for candidates: non-examination assessments

This document tells you about some things that you must and must not do when you are completing your work.

When you submit your work for marking, the awarding body will normally require you to sign an authentication statement confirming that you have read and followed these regulations.

If there is anything that you do not understand, you **must** ask your teacher.

Preparing your work - good practice

If you receive help and guidance from someone other than your teacher, you **must** tell your teacher who will then record the nature of the assistance given to you.

If you worked as part of a group on an assignment, for example undertaking field research, you must each write up your own account of the assignment. Even if the data you have is the same, you <u>must</u> describe in your own words how that data was obtained and <u>you must independently draw your own conclusions from the data.</u>

You must meet the deadlines that your teacher gives you. Remember - your teachers are there to guide you. Although they cannot give you direct assistance, they can help you to sort out any problems before it is too late.

Take care of your work and keep it safe. Do not leave it lying around where your classmates can find it. You must always keep your work secure and confidential whilst you are preparing it; do not share it with your classmates. If it is stored on the computer network, keep your password secure. Collect all copies from the printer and destroy those you do not need.

Do not be tempted to use pre-prepared on-line solutions — this is cheating. Electronic tools used by awarding bodies can detect this sort of copying.

You must not write inappropriate, offensive or obscene material.



Research and using references

In some subjects you will have an opportunity to do some independent research into a topic. The research you do may involve looking for information in published sources such as textbooks, encyclopedias, journals, TV, radio and on the internet.

Using information from published sources (including the internet) as the basis for your assignment is a good way to demonstrate your knowledge and understanding of a subject. You must take care how you use this material though - you cannot copy it and claim it as your own work.

The regulations state that:

the work which you submit for assessment must be your own;

you must not copy from someone else or allow another candidate to copy from you.

When producing a piece of work, if you use the same wording as a published source you must place quotation marks around the passage and state where it came from. This is called "referencing". You must make sure that you give detailed references for everything in your work which is not in your own words. A reference from a printed book or journal should show the name of the author, the year of publication and the page number, for example: Morrison, 2000, pg.29.

For material taken from the internet, your reference should show the date when the material was downloaded and must show the precise web page, not the search engine used to locate it. This can be copied from the address line. For example: http://www.geocases2.co.uk/rural1.htm downloaded 5 February 2020.

You may be required to include a bibliography at the end of your piece of written work. Your teacher will tell you whether a bibliography is necessary. Where required, your bibliography must list the full details of publications you have used in your research, even where these are not directly referred to, for example: Curran, J. *Mass Media and Society* (Hodder Arnold, 2005).

If you copy the words or ideas of others and do not show your sources in references and a bibliography, this will be considered as cheating.

Plagiarism

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

Do not think you will not be caught; there are many ways to detect plagiarism.

- Markers can spot changes in the style of writing and use of language.
- Markers are highly experienced subject specialists who are very familiar with work on the topic concerned — they may have read or seen the source you are using, or even marked the work you have copied from!
- Internet search engines and specialised computer software can be used to match phrases or pieces
 of text with original sources and to detect changes in the grammar and style of writing or
 punctuation.



Penalties for breaking the regulations

If your work is submitted and it is discovered that you have broken the regulations, one of the following penalties will be applied:

- the piece of work will be awarded zero marks;
- you will be disqualified from that component for the examination series in question;
- you will be disqualified from the whole subject for that examination series;
- you will be disqualified from all subjects and barred from entering again for a period of time.

The awarding body will decide which penalty is appropriate.

REMEMBER - IT'S YOUR QUALIFICATION SO IT NEEDS TO BE YOUR OWN WORK

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Appendix 2 - JCQ Information for candidates - On-screen tests

You **must** read this information if you will be taking any externally assessed on-screen tests as part of your qualification(s).



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Information for candidates For on-screen tests – effective from 1 September 2019

This document has been written to help you. Read it carefully and follow the instructions. If there is anything you do not understand, ask your teacher.

Α	Regulations – Make sure you understand the rules
1	Be on time for your on-screen test(s). If you are late, your work might not be accepted.
2	Do not become involved in any unfair or dishonest practice during the on-screen test.
3	If you try to cheat, or break the rules in any way, you could be disqualified from all your subjects.
4	Only take into the exam room the materials and equipment which are allowed.
5	You must not take into the exam room:
	a) notes:
	b) potential technological/web enabled sources of information such as an iPod, a mobile phone,
	a MP3/4 player or similar device, a smartwatch or a wrist watch which has a data storage device.
	Unless you are told otherwise, you must not have access to:
	c) the Internet, e-mail, data stored on the hard drive, or portable storage media such as floppy disks, CDs and memory
	sticks; d) pre-prepared templates.
	Remember: possession of unauthorised material is breaking the rules, even if you do not intend to use it, and you will be subject to penalty and possible disqualification.
6	If you wear a wrist watch the invigilator will ask you to remove it and place it on your desk.
7	Do not talk to or try to communicate with or disturb other candidates once the on-screen test has started.
8	If you leave the exam room unaccompanied by an invigilator before the on-screen test has finished, you will not be allowed to
	return.
9	Do not borrow anything from another candidate during the on-screen test.
В	Information – Make sure you attend your on-screen test and bring what you need
1	Know the date and time of your on-screen test(s). Arrive at least ten minutes before the start of your on-screen test.
2	If you arrive late for an on-screen test, report to the invigilator running the test.
3	If you arrive more than one hour after the published starting time for the on-screen test, you may not be allowed to take it.
4	Your centre will inform you of any equipment which you may need for the on-screen test.
С	Calculators, Dictionaries and Computer Spell-checkers
1	You may use a calculator unless you are told otherwise.
2	If you use a calculator:
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	a) make sure it works properly; check that the batteries are working properly;
	b) clear anything stored in it;
	c) remove any parts such as cases, lids or covers which have printed instructions or formulas;
2-	d) do not bring into the examination room any operating instructions or prepared programs.
3	Do not use a dictionary or computer spell checker unless you are told otherwise.
D	Instructions during the on-screen test
1	Always listen to the invigilator. Follow their instructions at all times.
2	Tell the invigilator at once if:
	a) you have been entered for the wrong on-screen test;
	b) the on-screen test is in another candidate's name;
	c) you experience system delays or any other IT irregularities.
3	You may be given a guestion paper or the instructions may be on-screen. In either case read carefully and follow the
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Appendix 3 - JCQ Information for candidates - Written exams

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



AQA	City & Guilds	CCEA	OCR	Pearson	WJEC
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Information for candidates For written examinations – effective from 1 September 2019

This document has been written to help you. Read it carefully and follow the instructions. If there is anything you do not understand, especially which calculator you may use, ask your teacher.

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Α	Regulations – Make sure you understand the rules
1	Be on time for all your exams. If you are late, your work might not be accepted.
2	Do not become involved in any unfair or dishonest practice during the exam.
3	If you try to cheat, or break the rules in any way, you could be disqualified from all your subjects.
4	You must not take into the exam room:
	a) notes;
	b) potential technological/web enabled sources of information such as an iPod, a mobile phone,
	a MP3/4 player or similar device, a smartwatch or a wrist watch which has a data storage device.
	Any pencil cases taken into the exam room must be see-through.
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	Remember: possession of unauthorised material is breaking the rules, even if you do not intend to use it, and you will be
	subject to penalty and possible disqualification.
5	If you wear a wrist watch the invigilator will ask you to remove it and place it on your desk.
5	Do not use correcting pens, fluid or tape, erasable pens, highlighters or gel pens in your answers.
7	Do not talk to or try to communicate with, or disturb other candidates once the exam has started.
3	You must not write inappropriate, obscene or offensive material.
)	If you leave the exam room unaccompanied by an invigilator before the exam has finished, you will not be allowed to return.
0	Do not borrow anything from another candidate during the exam.
3	Information — Make sure you attend your exams and bring what you need
	Know the dates and times of all your exams. Arrive at least ten minutes before the start of each exam.
	If you arrive late for an exam, report to the invigilator running the exam.
3	If you arrive more than one hour after the published starting time for the exam, you may not be allowed to take it.
	Only take into the exam room the pens, pencils, erasers and any other equipment which you need for the exam.
i	You must write clearly and in black ink.
	Coloured pencils or inks may only be used for diagrams, maps, charts, etc. unless the instructions printed on the front of the
	question paper state otherwise.
	Calculators, Dictionaries and Computer Spell-checkers
	You may use a calculator unless you are told otherwise.
	If you use a calculator:
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	a) make sure it works properly; check that the batteries are working properly;
	b) clear anything stored in it;
	c) remove any parts such as cases, lids or covers which have printed instructions or formulas;
	d) do not bring into the exam room any operating instructions or prepared programs.
3	Do not use a dictionary or computer spell checker unless you are told otherwise.
)	Instructions during the exam
	Always listen to the invigilator. Follow their instructions at all times.
	Tell the invigilator at once if:
	a) you think you have not been given the right question paper or all of the materials listed on the front of the paper;
	b) the question paper is incomplete or badly printed.
	Read carefully and follow the instructions printed on the question paper and/or on the answer booklet.
ŀ	When the invigilator tells you, fill in all the details required on the front of the question paper and/or the answer booklet
	before you start the exam. Make sure you fill these details in on any additional answer sheets that you use.
i	Remember to write your answers within the designated sections of the answer booklet.
	Do your rough work on the proper exam stationery. Cross it through and hand it in with your answers.
	Make sure you add your candidate details to any additional answer sheets that you use for rough work.
	Advice and assistance
	If on the day of the exam you feel that your work may be affected by ill health or any other reason, tell the invigilator.
	Put up your hand during the exam if:
	a) you have a problem and are in doubt about what you should do:
	b) you do not feel well;
	c) you need more paper.
	You must not ask for, and will not be given, any explanation of the questions.
	At the end of the exam
	If you have used more than one answer booklet and/or any supplementary answer sheets, place them in the correct order.
	Place any loose additional answer sheets inside your answer booklet.
	Make sure you add your candidate details to any additional answer sheets that you use.
	Do not leave the exam room until told to do so by the invigilator.
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3	Do not take from the exam room any stationery. This includes the question paper, answer booklets used or unused, rough



Appendix 4 - JCQ Information for candidates - Privacy Notice

You **must** read this this notice as it contains "Information About You and How We Use It"

















Information for Candidates

Information About You and How We Use It

You have entered general or vocational qualifications such as GCSE, A-level, functional skills qualifications etc with one or more of the awarding bodies listed above. In order to be able to provide examinations and assessments, the awarding body needs to collect and use information about you. This notice provides you with a high level summary of the information the awarding body is required by law to give you about of what happens to that information. For more detail see each awarding body's full Privacy Notice:

AQA https://www.aga.org.uk/about-us/privacy-notice

CCEA http://ccea.org.uk/legal/privacy_policy

https://www.cityandquilds.com/help/help-for-learners/learner-policy City & Guilds

NCFE https://www.ncfe.org.uk/legal-information

OCR https://www.ocr.org.uk/about/our-policies/website-policies/privacy-policy/

Pearson https://www.pearson.com/corporate/privacy-notice.html

WJEC https://www.wiec.co.uk/about-us/data-protection/WJEC%20Privacy%20Notice.pdf

Who we are and how to contact us

Each awarding body is a separate organisation. Your school or examination centre will be able to confirm to you which awarding body is delivering each qualification you are undertaking and you will receive a statement confirming what qualifications you have been entered for and which awarding body. You will find links to each awarding body's website and information on how to contact them www.jcq.orq.uk/contact-us/contact-details-for-jcq-and-members.

Information about you and from where it is obtained

Each awarding body whose qualifications you enter will need to use a variety of information about you. This includes obvious identification details such as your name, address, date of birth and your school or examination centre. It also includes information about your gender, race and health, where appropriate. This information is provided by you or your parents/guardians and/or by your school or examination centre.

Each awarding body will create certain information about you such as a candidate number, examination results and certificates.

You will find further information about this in the awarding bodies' full Privacy Notice (see links above) or by contacting the awarding body (see above).



What happens to the information about you

The awarding bodies use the information about you to deliver the examinations and assessments which you have entered. This includes making a variety of arrangements for you to sit the examinations or assessments, marking, providing you and your school or centre with results and certificates. The awarding bodies also use some of the information about you for equality monitoring and other statistical analysis.

The awarding bodies may share information about your results with official bodies such as the Department for Education and the examinations regulators (eg Ofqual in England) and also relevant local authorities and the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS). An awarding body may also use information about you to investigate cheating and other examination malpractice and will share information about malpractice with other awarding bodies.

The awarding bodies take the security of the information about you that they hold seriously.

You will find further, technical information about what to the awarding bodies do with information about you, why and the legal basis in the awarding bodies' full Privacy Notice, which can be accessed here (see links on page one) or by contacting the awarding body (see above).

Your rights

The law gives you a number of rights in relation to the information about you that the awarding bodies holds. Those rights are:

- Access you are entitled to ask each awarding body about the information it holds about you.
- Rectification you are entitled to ask each awarding body to correct any errors in the information that it holds about you.
- Erasure in certain circumstances you are entitled to ask each awarding body to erase the information about you that it holds.
- Object to or restrict processing in certain circumstances you are entitled to ask each awarding body to stop using information about you in certain ways.
- Complain you are entitled to complain to the Information Commissioner (the body regulating the use of personal information) about what each awarding body does with information about you.

You will find further information about your rights in relation to information about you in the awarding bodies' full Privacy Notice, which can be accessed here (see links on page one) or by contacting the awarding body (see above).

How long the information about you is held

Each awarding body retains information about you only for as long as it is needed. Some of the information is needed only during the period in which you are undertaking the examination or assessment and is securely destroyed a short while afterwards. Other information about you, such as your name, gender, address, qualification and subjects entered and the results, are held indefinitely and for at least 40 years.

Each awarding body has its own retention policy that sets out what information it retains, how it is retained and for how long. You can find out more about retention policies by contacting each awarding body (see above).



How to find out more about the information about you that the awarding bodies use

To find out more about the information about you that the awarding bodies collect and use, including what happens to that information why, you can review the awarding bodies' full Privacy Notice, which can be accessed here (see links on page one) or contact the awarding body. You will find links to each awarding body's website and information on how to contact them here: www.jcq.org.uk/contact-us/contact-details-for-jcq-and-members.

Please note

It is important to note that this notice concerns only how the awarding bodies use information about you (called your "personal data"). Complaints about how an awarding body handles your personal data can be made to the Information Commissioner (www.ico.org.uk). Information about the examinations and assessment themselves, including the rules about assessments, can be found on the JCQ Exams Office pages (www.jcq.org.uk/exams-office). The awarding bodies are regulated by Ofqual (https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ofqual) in England; Qualifications Wales (www.qualificationswales.org) in Wales, and the Council for the Curriculum, Examinations and Assessment (http://ccea.org.uk/regulation) in Northern Ireland.





Appendix 5 - JCQ Information for candidates - Social media

You **must** read this information to help you stay within examination/assessment regulations when using social media.



Information for candidates Using social media and examinations/assessments



This document has been written to help you stay within examination regulations.

Please read it carefully.

We all like to share our experiences when taking examinations. However, it is important to consider what you say and to think about what information is being shared.

Sharing ideas with others online could be helpful when you're studying or revising.

However, there are limits to the amount of information you can share and you need to be careful not to break the rules. We'd like to ask you to act responsibly when discussing online. If you're in doubt about what you can and can't discuss online regarding your exams, it's always best to check with your teacher.

If you receive what is or what looks to be assessment related information through social media, or any other means, you must tell your teacher or another member of staff. You must show them what you have received (if available). They will then report the matter to the awarding body and it will be investigated.

Where candidates breach the rules for examinations, controlled assessments, coursework or non-examination assessments, awarding bodies have an obligation to investigate and may apply penalties.



You should be aware that the following constitute malpractice:

- copying or allowing work to be copied i.e. posting written work on social networking sites prior to an examination/assessment;
- · collusion: working collaboratively with other candidates beyond what is permitted;
- allowing others to help produce your work or helping others with theirs;
- being in possession of confidential assessment related information in advance of the examination;
- exchanging, obtaining, receiving (even if not requested) or passing on assessment related information by any means of communication (even if just attempting to);
- failing to report to your centre assessment related information being shared online; or
- passing on rumours of exam content.

Penalties that awarding bodies apply include:

- · a written warning;
- · the loss of marks for a section, component or unit;
- · disqualification from a unit, all units or qualifications; or
- a ban from taking assessments or exams for a set period of time.

Please take the time to familiarise yourself with the JCQ rules:

http://www.jcq.org.uk/exams-offi

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Appendix 6 - JCQ No Mobile Phones poster

This poster will be displayed outside each exam room. You **must** note that "Possession of unauthorised items, such as a mobile phone, is a serious offence and could result in **DISQUALIFICATION** from your examination and your overall qualification."







NO iPODS, MOBILE PHONES MP3/4 PLAYERS SMARTWATCHES

NO POTENTIAL TECHNOLOGICAL/WEB ENABLED SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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

DISQUALIFICATION

from your examination and your overall qualification.

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

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Appendix 7 - JCQ Warning to Candidates poster

This poster will be displayed outside each exam room. You **must** note all the warnings.



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Warning to Candidates

- You must be on time for all your examinations.
- 2. You **must not** become involved in any unfair or dishonest practice in any part of the examination.
- 3. You **must not**:
 - sit an examination in the name of another candidate;
 - have in your possession any unauthorised material or equipment which might give you an unfair advantage.
- 4. **Possession of a mobile phone** or other unauthorised material **is breaking the rules**, even if you do not intend to use it, and you will be subject to penalty and possible disqualification.
- 5. You **must not** talk to, attempt to communicate with or disturb other candidates once you have entered the examination room.
- 6. You **must** follow the instructions of the invigilator.
- 7. If you are in any doubt speak to the invigilator.

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

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