

Exam Invigilation Invigilator Training Checklist

This resource has been designed to help you develop training and briefing sessions for Invigilators. Once complete, it should be retained by the Exams Officer as we may request to see it.

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Introduction

| The invigilator's role Invigilators play a key role in upholding the integrity of the examination process. The role of the invigilator is to ensure that the examination is conducted in accordance with the most recent JCQ Instructions for conducting examinations ICE) to: ensure all students have an equal opportunity to demonstrate their abilities ensure the security of the examination materials before, during and after the examination prevent student/candidate malpractice prevent administrative failures. | ICE 12.1 | |
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| Familiarisation with key documents including: JCQ Instructions for conducting examinations OxfordAQA Checklist for Invigilators (for written examinations) Warning to Candidates poster Unauthorised Items poster any specific instructions relating to the subjects being examined. | ICE 12.7 | |
| Your school's arrangements, for example: exams contingency plan emergency evacuation procedures safeguarding policy documentation that the invigilator is required to complete to declare any conflicts of interest or current malpractice/maladministration sanctions. | ICE 25 | |

| Invigilation arrangements | | |
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| Before the start of the examination, stress to invigilators that their mobile phones must not be used for anything other than requesting help, or in exam emergency. Invigilators must check that their mobile phone, to be used in emergencies only, has been switched to silent mode. | ICE 12.6 (b) | |
| The arrangements for invigilators to contact a member of school staff should an incident occur (particularly arrangements for sole invigilators). | ICE 12.6 (b) | |
| Invigilators must be able to see all students. Particular attention should be paid to ensuring all students can be seen if the school is using screened booths for Listening examinations. | ICE 11.11 ICE 12.7 (c) | |
| The arrangements for notifying the Exams Officer or Head of Centre invigilators are suspicious about the security of the question papers. | ICE 12.7 (e) | |
| The requirements and arrangements for dealing with disruptive students in the examination room and recording the incident. | ICE 24.1 | |
| The requirements and arrangements for removing any unauthorised material that a student may have in the examination. | ICE 24.2 | |
| Your school arrangements for storing unauthorised items that may be handed in prior to the start of an examination. | ICE 18.2 (d) | |
| JCQ Notice to centres - The people present in the examination room Which school staff are allowed to enter the examination room and any restrictions? What should an invigilator do if an unauthorised individual enters the examination room? | ICE 17 | |
| The requirements and arrangements for invigilating on-screen examinations. | ICE Appendix 1 | |

| Invigilation arrangements for students with access arrangements | | |
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| The requirements and arrangements for 'roving' invigilators. | ICE 13 | |
| The requirements and arrangements for invigilators also acting as a practical assistant, a reader and/or a scribe. | ICE 13.2/13.3/13.4 | |
| The requirements for invigilators where students have a Communication Professional or a Language Modifier. | ICE 13.1/13.5 | |
| The requirements and arrangements for invigilating students with access arrangements including colour naming for students who are colour blind (ICE 14.10) and using word processors (ICE 14.20–14.27). | ICE 14.10 ICE 14.20-14.27 | |
| Setting up the examination room | | |
| The responsibility of invigilators in setting up the examination room may vary between schools. Topics to consider include: | ICE 11 | |
| The invigilator's responsibility for checking that any charts, diagrams, etc. have been cleared from the walls. | ICE 11.6 ICE 11.7 | |
| The invigilator's responsibility for checking that you have the following on display: | ICE 11.8 | |
| · an analogue and/or digital clock that all students can see clearly; | ICE 12.6 | |
| a board/display showing the centre number, subject title, paper number and the actual starting and finishing time, and date of each examination. | | |
| • Informing invigilators that a printed paper copy or an electronic copy, accessible via a laptop or tablet, of the JCQ Instructions for conducting examinations must be available in the main examination hall/room. | | |
| • Informing invigilators of subject specific instructions and/or stationery lists issued by the relevant body. | | |
| Informing invigilators about seating plans. | | |
| The requirements and arrangements for ensuring that the conditions for question papers, stationery, materials and other equipment are met. | ICE 18.1 | |
| Stress to invigilators that question papers must never be left unattended. | ICE 18.2 | |
| Inform invigilators of the requirements relating to the security of question papers and the importance of another member of centre staff checking the day, date, time, subject, unit/component and tier of entry, if appropriate, immediately before a question paper packet is opened. This check must be recorded. | | |

| Identifying students | | |
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| The requirements and arrangements for identifying every student in the examination room and the role of the invigilator. | ICE 16.1 | |
| The requirements and arrangements for checking the documentary evidence that private candidates provide to ensure that they are the same people who were entered/registered for the examination/assessment. | ICE 16.2 | |
| The arrangements for informing invigilators about access arrangements for students. | ICE 16.4 | |
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| Starting the examination | | |
| The arrangements for making sure that students are seated according to the | ICE 19.2 a | |
| set seating plan. | | |
| The requirement to provide students with all relevant information prior to them starting the examination. The centre may have created its own script for invigilators to read or may use Appendix 3 in ICE. | ICE 19 Appendix 3 Invigilator checklist (written examinations) | |
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| During the examination | | |
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| The expectations of invigilators when supervising students. Stress to invigilators that they must: Give all their attention to conducting the examination properly, be vigilant and always supervise the students to prevent cheating and distractions. Not perform any other non-examination related tasks in the examination room. This extends to reading the question paper. | ICE 20 | |
| Record any incidents in the log. The requirements and arrangements for completing the attendance register. | ICE 22 | |
| Calculators: An invigilator may give a student a replacement calculator. It is acceptable for students to place their calculator on the floor under their desks in sight of the invigilator(s) for the non-calculator portion of the exam. | ICE 10.10 ICE 10.11 | |
| Leaving the examination room | | |
| The requirements relating to when students can leave the examination room early. | ICE 23.1-23.2 | |
| Students must hand in their script, question paper and other materials before they leave the examination room. | ICE 23.5 | |
| The arrangements for students leaving the examination room temporarily. | ICE 23.3 | |
| Students must not remove any assessment or other materials from the examination room. | ICE 23.4/23.5 | |

| Finishing the examination | | |
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| Does your school allow invigilators to give a 5 minute warning before the end of an examination? | ICE 26.1 | |
| The requirements for invigilators in finishing the examination. | ICE 26.2 | |
| Ensuring students granted extra time and/or supervised rest breaks can carry on uninterrupted for the allocated additional time. | ICE 26.3 | |
| The requirements and arrangements for invigilators to collect scripts. | ICE 27 | |
| The requirements and arrangements for invigilators to collect unused stationery and return to exams officer. | ICE 30.1 | |