

# Exams Administration

## Europe starting time guidance

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## Starting times

All schools **must** take their exams at the published starting time and students **must** remain under examination conditions **until 1 hour after the published starting time** of the exam.

The published starting time of exams is given in UK time. This varies depending on UK daylight saving time. Daylight saving time is observed in the UK from the last Sunday of March at 00:01 until the last Saturday of October at 23:59.

- During UK daylight saving time, the exam starting time is 08:00 UK Time
- During UK standard time, the exam starting time is 07:00 UK Time

## November Series

**During November series 2026** OxfordAQA examinations Monday 19 October to Friday 23 October are scheduled to begin at 08:00 UK Time. OxfordAQA examinations from Monday 26 October are scheduled to begin at 07:00 UK Time.

The below table summarises what this means for starting times in European local times.

	Published starting time (UK Time)	Western European Time	Central European Time	Eastern European Time
Exams on Monday 19 October 2026 until Friday 23 October 2026	08:00 UK Time	08:00	09:00	10:00
Exams from Monday 26 October 2026	07:00 UK Time	07:00	08:00	09:00

## January Series

**During January series 2027** OxfordAQA examinations are scheduled to begin at 07:00 UK Time. This is 07:00 Western European Time, 08:00 Central European Time, 09:00 Eastern European time.