

Non-examination Assessment Policy

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1. Equalities Impact Screening

Date of screening:						
10 th February 2022						
Name of person compl	eting scre	ening:				
Jen Cusack						
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	Yes	No	Positive	Neutral	Negativ e	
Age		Х	Х			
Disability	Χ		Х			See below
Gender Reassignment		X	Х			
Race or Ethnicity	X		Х			See below
Religion or Belief		Х	Х			
Marriage		Х	Х			
Pregnancy/ Maternity	Х		X			See below
Sex		Х	Х			
Sexual Orientation		Х	Х			
Carers / in-care	X		X			See below

Should the policy have a Full Equalities Impact Assessment? No

If no – please state reasons:

The Academy has processes in place to support both students and staff that will ensure that they are not negatively impacted.



2. History of most recent policy changes

Date	Page	Change	Origin of Change (e.g. TU request, Change in legislation)	Actioned By
October 2020	Whole Document	Creation of a new policy.	Statutory requirement.	Natasha Lippiatt Exams Officer
				Rachel Friday CLF Central Team
				Victoria Boynton Vice Principal

3. Key staff involved in the conduct of non-examination assessments

Role	Name(s)
Head of centre	Jon Jones
Quality assurance lead/Lead internal verifier	Rebekah Curtis/Steve Clarke
Senior leader(s)	Jon Jones, Abbigael Bainton, Tom Leahy, Andrew Buck, Jenny Cusack, Lou Roscoe, Tara Paisey, Rebekah Curtis, Josh Sterling.
SENDCo and SEND support	Lou Coles, Nathan Rutter, Sydney Wesley-Weeks
Exams officer	Natasha Lippiatt

4. What does this policy affect?

This policy affects the delivery of subjects of GCE and GCSE qualifications which contain a component, or components, of non-examination assessment.

The regulator's definition of an examination is very narrow. In effect, any type of assessment that is not 'externally set and taken by candidates at the same time under controlled conditions' is classified as non-examination assessment (NEA). '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 Instructions for conducting non-examination assessments, Foreword)

This publication is further referred to in this policy as NEA



5. Purpose of the policy

The purpose of this policy, as defined by the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ), is to

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

The policy will cover all types of non-examination assessment.

6. What are non-examination assessments?

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

7. Procedures for planning and managing nonexamination assessments identifying staff roles and responsibilities

7.1 Key staff involved in the conduct of non-examination assessments

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7.2 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 Non-Examination Assessments - NEA
- Ensures the centre's Non-examination Assessment Policy is fit for purpose
- 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 (including endorsements) which comply with <u>NEA</u> and awarding body subject-specific instructions
- Ensures the centre-wide calendar records headline assessment dates by the start of the academic year. It is noted that these may be subject to change.

Quality assurance (QA) lead/Lead internal verifier

- Confirms with curriculum leaders 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 teachers in line with awarding body criteria
- Ensures appropriate centre-devised templates are provided to capture/record relevant information given to candidates by subject teachers
- 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, ensures a centre-devised template is provided for candidates to keep a detailed record of their own research, planning, resources etc.

Curriculum leaders

- Ensures subject teachers understand their role and responsibilities within the nonexamination assessment process
- Ensures <u>NEA</u> 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 to ensure appropriate procedures are followed to internally standardise/verify the marks awarded by subject teachers

Subject teacher

Understands and complies with the general instructions as detailed in NEA



- 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) to the internal deadline
 for entries

Exams officer

- Signposts the annually updated JCQ publication NEA to relevant centre staff
- Carries out tasks where these may be applicable to the role in supporting the administration/management of non-examination assessment

7.3 Task setting

Subject teacher

- 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

7.4 Issuing of tasks

Subject teacher

- 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, ensuring that materials are stored securely at all times

7.5 Task taking

Supervision

Subject teacher

- 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 assessments and Information for candidates - Social Media
- Ensures candidates understand and comply with the regulations in relevant JCQ documents Information for candidates

Advice and feedback

Subject teacher

- 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

Resources

Subject teacher

- Refers to the awarding body's specification and/or associated documentation to determine if candidates have restricted/unrestricted access to resources when planning and researching their tasks
- Ensures 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
- Ensures conditions for any formally supervised sessions are understood and followed by candidates
- Ensures candidates understand that they are not allowed to introduce improved notes or new resources between formally supervised sessions
- Ensures that where appropriate to include references, candidates keep a detailed record of their own research, planning, resources etc.



Word and time limits

Subject teacher

 Refers to the awarding body's specification to determine where word and time limits apply/are mandatory

Collaboration and group work

Subject teacher

- Unless stated otherwise in the awarding body's specification, and where appropriate, 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

Authentication procedures

Subject teacher

- 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
 - 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 <u>Non-Examination Assessment</u> and informs a member of the senior leadership team
- Understands that if, during the external moderation process, it is found that the work
 has not been properly authenticated, the awarding body will set the mark(s) awarded
 by the centre to zero

Presentation of work

Subject teacher

 In cases where evidence is not covered by the Data Protection Policy, the teacher 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 unless the awarding body's specification gives different subject-specific instruction
- Instructs candidates to add their candidate number, centre number an component code of the assessment as a header/footer on each page of their work

Keeping materials secure

Subject teacher

- 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 all possible post-results services have been exhausted
- If post-results services have not been requested, returns internally assessed work to candidates (if requested by a candidate) after the deadline for requesting a review of results for the relevant series
- If post-results services have been requested, returns internally assessed work to candidates (if requested by a candidate) once the review of results and any subsequent appeal has been completed
- Reminds candidates of the need to keep their own work secure at all times and not share completed or partially completed work on-line, on social media or through any other means (Reminds candidates of the contents of the JCQ document Information for candidates – Social Media)
- Where work is stored electronically, liaises with the IT Manager to ensure the protection and back-up of candidates' work and that appropriate arrangements are in place to restrict access to it between sessions
- Understands that during the period from the submission of work for formal assessment until the deadline for requesting a review of results, copies of work may be used for other purposes, provided that the originals are stored securely as required

IT Manager

- 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 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

7.6 Task marking – externally assessed components

Conduct of externally assessed work

Subject teacher

- Liaises with the exams officer 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
- Liaises with the Visiting Examiner where this may be applicable to any externally assessed component

Exams officer

- 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 teacher

Provides the attendance register to a Visiting Examiner

- Provides the attendance register to the subject teacher 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 despatched 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
- Ensures that the package in which the work is despatched is robust and securely fastened
- Despatches the work to the awarding body's instructions by the required deadline



7.7 Task marking – internally assessed components Marking and annotation

Head of centre

Ensures where a teacher is teaching, preparing and assessing a candidate with whom
they have a close relationship e.g. members of their family (which includes step-family,
foster family and similar close relationships) or close friends and their immediate family
(e.g. son/daughter) a conflict of interest is declared to the awarding body and the
marked work of the child submitted for moderation, whether it is part of the moderation
sample or not

Curriculum leader

 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 teacher

- Accesses awarding body training/updates as required to ensure familiarity with the mark scheme/marking process
- Marks candidates' work in accordance with the marking criteria provided by the awarding body
- 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
- Informs candidates of their marks which could be subject to change by the awarding body moderation process
- Ensures 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

Internal standardisation

Quality assurance (QA) lead/Lead internal verifier

- 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. Newly Qualified Teachers (NQTs), supply staff etc.)
- Ensures accurate internal standardisation for example by
 - o obtaining reference materials at an early stage in the course
 - holding a preliminary trial marking session prior to marking
 - carrying out further trial marking at appropriate points during the marking period



- after most marking has been completed, holds a further meeting to make final adjustments
- making final adjustments to marks prior to submission retaining work and evidence of standardisation
- Retains evidence that internal standardisation has been carried out

Subject teacher

- 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

Consortium¹ arrangements (where relevant)

Curriculum leader

- Ensures a consortium co-ordinator is nominated (where this may be required as the consortium lead)
- The consortium lead, liaises with the exams officer to ensure the relevant awarding body is informed that the centre is part of a consortium by submitting Form JCQ/CCA Centre consortium arrangements for centre-assessed work for each exam series affected
- Ensures procedures for internal standardisation as a consortium are followed

Subject teacher

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

- Where the centre is the consortium lead they
 - submit an online notification of Centre consortium arrangements for centreassessed work to the relevant awarding body through the Centre Admin Portal (CAP) by no later than the published deadline for each exam series affected
 - submit marks for home centre candidates to the awarding body deadline
 - liaise with the other exams officers in the consortium to arrange despatch of a single moderation sample to the awarding body deadline.

¹ Where candidates from different centres are taught and assessed together, but will be entered through the centre at which they are on roll, the relevant awarding body must be informed that the centres wish to be treated as a consortium. BBA is not currently part of a consortium for Key Stage 4.



Submission of marks and work for moderation

Subject teacher

- 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
 officer 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 officer to the internal deadline
- Ensures that where a candidate's work has been facilitated by a scribe or practical
 assistant for external assessments, 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. This is required for all scribed or practically assisted work.
- Ensures the moderator is provided with authentication of candidates' work, confirmation that internal standardisation has been undertaken and any other subjectspecific information where this may be required
- Submits any supporting documentation required by the awarding body/provides the exams officer with any supporting documentation required by the awarding body

- Inputs and submits marks online, via the awarding body secure extranet site, keeping a record of the marks submitted, to the external deadline/confirms with subject teachers that marks have been submitted to the awarding body 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 moderator by the awarding body deadline, keeping a record of the work submitted/Confirms with Subject teacher that the moderation sample has been submitted to the awarding body deadline
- 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 final results
- Through the subject teacher, 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



 Through the subject teacher, submits any supporting documentation required by the awarding body

Storage and retention of work after submission of marks

Subject teacher

- 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
- In liaison with the IT Manager, takes steps to protect any work stored electronically from corruption and has a back-up procedure in place
- If retention is a problem because of the nature of the work, retains some form of evidence such as photos, audio or media recordings

Exams officer

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

External moderation – the process

Subject teacher

- 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

External moderation - feedback

Subject head/lead

- 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

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



7.8 Access arrangements

Subject teacher

 Works with the SENDCo to ensure any access arrangements for eligible candidates are applied to assessments

Special educational needs and disabilities coordinator (SENDCo)

- 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 teachers aware of any access arrangements for eligible candidates which need to be applied to assessments
- Works with subject teachers to ensure requirements for access arrangement candidates requiring the support of a facilitator in assessments are met
- Ensures that staff acting as an access arrangement facilitator are fully trained in their role

7.9 Special consideration and reduced quantity of work (including loss of work)

Subject teacher

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

- Refers to/directs relevant staff to the JCQ publication A guide to the special consideration process
 - Where a candidate is eligible, submits an application 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 where applicable to Form 15 – JCQ/LCW and where applicable submits to the relevant awarding body.

7.10 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: 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 teacher

- Is aware of the JCQ Notice to Centres Sharing NEA material and candidates' work to mitigate against candidate and centre malpractice
- Ensures candidates understand what constitutes malpractice in non-examination assessments
- Ensures candidates understand the JCQ document Information for candidates nonexamination assessments
- Ensures candidates understand the JCQ document Information for candidates Social Media
- Escalates and reports any alleged, suspected or actual incidents of malpractice involving candidates to the head of centre

Exams officer

- Signposts the JCQ publication Suspected Malpractice: Policies and Procedures to the head of centre
- Signposts the JCQ Notice to Centres Sharing NEA material and candidates' work to subject heads
- Signposts candidates to the relevant JCQ information for candidates' documents
- Where required, supports the head of centre in investigating and reporting incidents of alleged, suspected or actual malpractice

7.11 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



Subject head/lead

 Provides relevant support to subject teachers making decisions about reviews of results

Subject teacher

- Provides advice and guidance to candidates on their results and the post-results services available
- Provides the exams officer with the original sample or relevant sample of candidates' work that may be required for a review of moderation to the internal deadline

Exams officer

- 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 centres...)
- Provides/signposts relevant centre staff and candidates to post-results services information
- Ensures any requests for post-results services that are available to non-examination assessments are submitted online via the awarding body secure extranet site to deadline
- Ensures relevant centre staff liaise with all relevant parties in relation to arrangements for and conduct of the monitoring visit

7.12 Spoken Language Endorsement for GCSE English Language specifications designed for use in England

Head of centre

 Returns an online '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 Spoken Language endorsement

Quality assurance (QA) lead/Lead internal verifier

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

Curriculum leader

- 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 teachers
- Ensures subject teachers 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 teacher

- 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 officer

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

7.13 Private candidates

Curriculum leader

- According to centre policy, 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



8. Qualification/Subject specific additional information

This section provides additional information/procedures for planning and managing non-examination assessments in specific subjects of qualifications.

	NEA overview
	Not applicable. Endouged an acting and listening (not contribution to the
English Language	Not applicable - Endorsed speaking and listening (not contributing to the final grade).
English Literature	Not applicable
Maths	Not applicable
Biology	Not applicable
Chemistry	Not applicable
Physics	Not applicable
Combined Science	Not applicable
Computing	20 hours controlled assessment on programming.
Geography	Not applicable - field work carried out but examined as part of an exam
History	Not applicable
French	Speaking exam. 25% of overall GCSE.
Spanish	Speaking exam. 25% of overall GCSE.
Art & Design	Recording task, drawing from a primary or secondary source of an image relevant to their chosen coursework theme. 50% of course.
Drama	50% internal unit (play text performance and review). 50% practical exam (externally graded)
Food	50% of qualification - developing products.
Music GCSE	Recordings of one live performance and one original composition. 40%.
Photography	Digital or physical manipulation of an image that relates to their chosen coursework theme.
Product Design	50% of qualification - developing products.
Psychology	Not applicable
Statistics	Not applicable
Textiles	50% of qualification
Vocational Business	R065: Design a Business Proposal (25%) R066: Pitch and Plan a Proposal (25%)
Engineering	66% is coursework based on design and development.
Vocational HSC	Component 2 Assessment 1 (50% of students have completed) and Assessment 2 - will start after 8th March
Vocational ICT	R081 external exam 25%. R087 (25%); R082 (25%); R091 (25%). Coursework based apart from the examination.
RSL Music	Pathway dependent. 66% of the course is internally assessed (performance, recording and research) with the rest-controlled assessment (no final examination)
Sport	Unit 2: Sports Performance, Unit 3: Principles of Training, Unit 6: Leadership in Sport. Multiple assignments in each.



9. Management of issues and potential risks associated with non-examination assessments

Centre actions to manage issue/mitigate risk	Action by
Records confirm that relevant centre staff are familiar with	
and follow:	
the current JCQ publication Instructions for conducting non-examination assessments	
the JCQ document Notice to Centres - Sharing NEA material and candidates' work - www.jcq.org.uk/exams-office/non-examination- assessments	
Records confirm that candidates are informed and understand they must not:	
submit work which is not their own	
 make available their work to other candidates through any medium 	
allow other candidates to have access to their own independently sourced material	
assist other candidates to produce work	
use books, the internet or other sources without acknowledgement or attribution	
submit work that has been word processed by a third party without acknowledgement	
 include inappropriate, offensive or obscene material 	
Records confirm that candidates have been made aware of the JCQ documents Information for candidates - non-examination assessments and Information for candidates – Social Media - www.jcq.org.uk/exams-office/information-for-candidates-documents and understand they must not post their work on social media	
	Records confirm that relevant centre staff are familiar with and follow: • the current JCQ publication Instructions for conducting non-examination assessments • the JCQ document Notice to Centres - Sharing NEA material and candidates' work - www.jcq.org.uk/exams-office/non-examination-assessments Records confirm that candidates are informed and understand they must not: • submit work which is not their own • make available their work to other candidates through any medium • allow other candidates to have access to their own independently sourced material • assist other candidates to produce work • use books, the internet or other sources without acknowledgement or attribution • submit work that has been word processed by a third party without acknowledgement • include inappropriate, offensive or obscene material Records confirm that candidates have been made aware of the JCQ documents Information for candidates - non-examination assessments and Information for candidates — Social Media - www.jcq.org.uk/exams-office/information-for-candidates-documents and understand they must not



		Academy
Issue/Risk	Centre actions to manage issue/mitigate risk	Action by
Awarding body set task: IT	Awarding body key date for accessing/downloading set	
failure/corruption of task details where set task	task noted prior to start of course	
details accessed from the	IT systems checked prior to key date	
awarding body online	Alternative IT system used to gain access	
	Awarding body contacted to request direct email of task details	
Centre set task: Subject teacher fails to meet the	Ensures that subject teachers access awarding body training information, practice materials etc.	
assessment criteria as detailed in the specification	Records confirmation that subject teachers understand the task setting arrangements as defined in the awarding body's specification	
	Samples assessment criteria in the centre set task	
Candidates do not understand the marking criteria and what they need to do to gain credit	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	
Subject teacher long term absence during the task setting stage	See centre's Exam Contingency Plan - Teaching staff extended absence at key points in the exam cycle	
	Issuing of tasks	
Awarding body set task not issued to candidates on time	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 when set task will be issued and needs to be completed by	
	Set task accessed well in advance to allow time for planning, resourcing and teaching	
The wrong task is given to candidates	Ensures course planning and information taken from the awarding body's specification confirms the correct task will be issued to candidates	



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Issue/Risk	Centre actions to manage issue/mitigate risk	Action by
	Awarding body guidance sought where this issue remains unresolved	
Subject teacher long term absence during the issuing of tasks stage	See centre's Exam Contingency Plan - Teaching staff extended absence at key points in the exam cycle	
A candidate (or parent/carer) expresses concern about safeguarding, confidentiality or faith in undertaking a task such as a presentation that may be recorded	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	
	Task taking	
Supervision		
Planned assessments clash with other centre or candidate activities	Assessment plan identified for the start of the course Assessment dates/periods included in centre wide calendar	
Rooms or facilities inadequate for candidates to take tasks under appropriate supervision	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)	
Insufficient supervision of candidates to enable work to be authenticated	Confirm subject teachers are aware of and follow the current JCQ publication 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 teachers understand their role and responsibilities as detailed in the centre's non-examination assessment policy	
A candidate is suspected of malpractice prior to submitting their work for assessment	Instructions and processes in the current JCQ publication Instructions for conducting non-examination assessments (section 9 Malpractice) are followed An internal investigation and where appropriate internal disciplinary procedures are followed	



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Issue/Risk	Centre actions to manage issue/mitigate risk	Action by
Access arrangements were not put in place for an assessment where a candidate is approved for arrangements	Relevant staff are signposted to the JCQ publication A guide to the special consideration process (section 2), to determine the process to be followed to apply for special consideration for the candidate	
Advice and feedback		l
Candidate claims appropriate advice and feedback not given by subject teacher prior to starting on their work	Ensures a centre-wide process is in place for subject teachers to record all information provided to candidates before work begins as part of the centre's quality assurance procedures Regular monitoring of subject teacher completed records and sign-off to confirm monitoring activity	
	Full records kept detailing all information and advice given to candidates prior to starting on their work as appropriate to the subject and component	
	Candidate confirms/records advice and feedback given prior to starting on their work	
Candidate claims no advice and feedback given by subject teacher during the task-taking stage	Ensures a centre-wide process is in place for subject teachers to record all advice and feedback provided to candidates during the task-taking stage as part of the centre's quality assurance procedures	
	Regular monitoring of subject teacher 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	
	Candidate confirms/records advice and feedback given during the task-taking stage	
A third party claims that assistance was given to candidates by the subject	An investigation is conducted; candidates and subject teacher are interviewed and statements recorded where relevant	
teacher over and above that allowed in the regulations and	Records as detailed above are provided to confirm all assistance given	
specification	Where appropriate, a suspected malpractice report is submitted to the awarding body	



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Issue/Risk	Centre actions to manage issue/mitigate risk	Action by
Candidate does not reference information from published source	Candidate is advised at a general level to reference information before work is submitted for formal assessment	
	Candidate is again referred to the JCQ document Information for candidates: non-examination assessments	
	Candidate's detailed record of his/her own research, planning, resources etc. is regularly checked to ensure continued completion	
Candidate does not set out references as required	Candidate is advised at a general level to review and re-draft the set out of references before work is submitted for formal assessment	
	Candidate is again referred to the JCQ document Information for candidates: non-examination assessments	
	Candidate's detailed record of his/her own research, planning, resources etc. is regularly checked to ensure continued completion	
Candidate joins the course late after formally supervised task taking has started	A separate supervised session(s) is arranged for the candidate to catch up	
Candidate moves to another centre during the course	Awarding body guidance is sought to determine what can be done depending on the stage at which the move takes place	
An excluded pupil wants to complete a non-examination	The awarding body specification is checked to determine if the specification is available to a candidate outside mainstream education	
assessment(s)	If so, arrangements for supervision, authentication and marking are made separately for the candidate	
Resources		•
A candidate augments notes and resources between formally	Preparatory notes and the work to be assessed are collected in and kept secure between formally supervised sessions	
supervised sessions	Where memory sticks are used by candidates, these are collected in and kept secure between formally supervised sessions	



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Issue/Risk	Centre actions to manage issue/mitigate risk	Action by
	Where work is stored on the centre's network, access for candidates is restricted between formally supervised sessions	
A candidate fails to acknowledge sources on work that is submitted for assessment	Candidate's detailed record of his/her 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 acknowledges 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	
Word and time limits		
A candidate is penalised by the awarding body for exceeding word or time	Records confirm the awarding body specification has been checked to determine if word or time limits are mandatory	
limits	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	
Collaboration and group w	vork	
Candidates have worked in groups where the awarding	Records confirm the awarding body specification has been checked to determine if group work is permitted	
body specification states this is not permitted	Awarding body guidance sought where this issue remains unresolved	
Authentication procedures		1
A teacher has doubts about the authenticity of the work submitted by a candidate for internal	Records confirm subject staff have been made aware of the JCQ document Notice to Centres - Sharing NEA material and candidates' work	
assessment	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-	



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Issue/Risk	Centre actions to manage issue/mitigate risk	Action by
Candidate plagiarises other material	examination assessments as outlined in the JCQ document Information for candidates: non-examination assessments	
	The candidate's work is not accepted for assessment	
	A mark of zero is recorded and submitted to the awarding body	
Candidate does not sign their authentication statement/declaration	Records confirm that candidates have been issued with the current JCQ document Information for candidates: non-examination 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	
	Declaration is checked for signature before accepting the work of a candidate for formal assessment	
Subject teacher not available to sign authentication forms	Ensures a centre-wide process is in place for subject teachers to sign authentication forms at the point of marking candidates work as part of the centre's quality assurance procedures	
Presentation of work		l
Candidate does not fully complete the awarding body's cover sheet that is attached to their worked submitted for formal assessment	Cover sheet is checked to ensure it is fully completed before accepting the work of a candidate for formal assessment	
Keeping materials secure	I.	
Candidates work between formal supervised sessions is not securely stored	Records confirm subject teachers are aware of and follow current JCQ publication Instructions for conducting non-examination assessments	
	Regular monitoring/internal audit ensures subject teacher use of appropriate secure storage	
Adequate secure storage not available to subject teacher	Records confirm adequate/sufficient secure storage is available to subject teacher prior to the start of the course	
	Alternative secure storage sourced where required	
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Issue/Risk	Centre actions to manage issue/mitigate risk	Action by
Candidates work produced electronically is not securely stored	Records confirm subject teachers are aware of and follow current JCQ publication Instructions for conducting non-examination assessments	
	Internal processes and regular monitoring/internal audit by IT Manager ensures:	
	access to this material is restricted (insert how)	
	 appropriate security safeguards are in place (insert names/types of protection) 	
	 an effective back-up strategy is employed so that an up to date archive of candidates' evidence is maintained (insert details of how work is backed up) 	
	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 (insert relevant details of how)	
Task marking – externally assessed components		
A candidate is absent on the day of the examiner visit for an acceptable reason	Awarding body guidance is sought to determine if alternative assessment arrangements can be made for the candidate	
	If not, eligibility for special consideration is explored and a request submitted to the awarding body where appropriate	
A candidate is absent on the day of the examiner visit for an unacceptable reason	The candidate is marked absent on the attendance register	
Task marking – internally assessed components		
A candidate submits little or no work	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	



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Issue/Risk	Centre actions to manage issue/mitigate risk	Action by
A candidate is unable to finish their work for unforeseen reason	Relevant staff are signposted to the JCQ publication A guide to the special consideration process (section 5), to determine eligibility and the process to be followed for shortfall in work	
The work of a candidate is lost or damaged	Relevant staff are signposted to the JCQ publication Instructions for conducting non-examination assessments (section 8), to determine eligibility and the process to be followed for lost or damaged work	
Candidate malpractice is discovered	Instructions and processes in the current JCQ publication Instructions for conducting non-examination assessments (section 9 Malpractice) are followed Investigation and reporting procedures in the current JCQ publication Suspected Malpractice: Policies and Procedures are followed Appropriate internal disciplinary procedures are also followed	
A teacher marks the work of a candidate with whom they have a close relationship e.g. members of their family (which includes step-family, foster family and similar close relationships) or close friends and their immediate family (e.g. son/daughter)	A conflict of interest is declared by informing the awarding body that a teacher is preparing/teaching said child at the start of the course Marked work of said child is submitted for moderation whether part of the sample requested or not	
An extension to the deadline for submission of marks is required for a legitimate reason	Awarding body is contacted to determine if an extension can be granted Relevant staff are signposted to the JCQ publication A guide to the special consideration process (section 5), to determine eligibility and the process to be followed for non-examination assessment extension	
After submission of marks, it is discovered that the wrong task was given to candidates	Awarding body is contacted for guidance Relevant staff are signposted to the JCQ publication A guide to the special consideration process (section 2), to determine eligibility and the process to be followed to apply for special consideration for candidates	



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Issue/Risk	Centre actions to manage issue/mitigate risk	Action by
A candidate wishes to appeal/request a review of the marks awarded for	Candidates are informed of the marks they have been awarded for their work prior to the marks being submitted to the awarding body	
their work by their teacher	Records confirm candidates have been informed of their marks	
	Candidates are informed that these marks are subject to change through the awarding body's moderation process	
	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 officer for the submission of marks	
	Through the candidate exam handbook, 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	
Deadline for submitting work for formal assessment not met by candidate	Records confirm deadlines given and understood by candidates at the start of the course	
	Candidates confirm/record deadlines known and understood	
	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	
	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	
Deadline for submitting marks and samples of candidates work ignored by subject teacher	Internal/external deadlines are published at the start of each academic year	
	Reminders are issued through senior leaders/subject heads as deadlines approach	
	Records confirm deadlines known and understood by subject teachers	
	Where appropriate, internal disciplinary procedures are followed	



Issue/Risk	Centre actions to manage issue/mitigate risk	Action by
Subject teacher long term absence during the marking period	See centre's Exam Contingency Plan (Teaching staff extended absence at key points in the exam cycle)	

10. Links to other policies or guidance

- Internal Appeals Procedures
- Instructions for conducting non-examination assessments (reformed GCE & GCSE specifications) 1 September 2020 to 31 August 2021
- Information for candidates non-examination assessments
- Information for candidates Social Media
- JCQ Instructions for conducting examinations
- Access Arrangements and Reasonable Adjustments (in relation to non-examination assessments)
- Reasonable Adjustments for GCE A-level sciences Endorsement of practical skills
- A guide to the special consideration process
- Form 15 JCQ/LCW
- Suspected Malpractice: Policies and Procedures
- Notice to Centres Sharing NEA material and candidates' work
- Information for candidates non-examination assessments
- Notice to Centres Sharing NEA material and candidates' work
- Post-Results Services



Appendix 1. Pearson BTEC Assessment Policy

Aim:

- 1. To ensure that assessment methodology is valid, reliable and does not disadvantage or advantage any group of learners or individuals.
- 2. To ensure that the assessment procedure is open, fair and free from bias and to national standards.
- 3. To ensure that there is accurate and detailed recording of assessment decisions.

In order to do this, Bristol Brunel Academy will:

- Ensure that learners are provided with assignments that are fit for purpose, to enable them to produce appropriate evidence for assessment.
- Produce a clear and accurate assessment plan at the start of the programme/academic year.
- Provide clear, published dates for handout of assignments and deadlines for assessment.
- Assess learner's evidence using only the published assessment and grading criteria.
- Ensure assessment practices meet current BTEC assessment requirements and guidance.
- Ensure that assessment decisions are impartial, valid and reliable.
- Develop assessment procedures and ways of working that will minimise the opportunity for malpractice.
- Maintain accurate and detailed records of assessment decisions.
- Maintain a robust and rigorous internal verification procedure.
- Provide samples for standards verification/external examination as required by the awarding organisation.
- Monitor standards verification/external examination reports and undertake any remedial action required.
- Share good assessment practice between all BTEC programme teams.
- Ensure that BTEC assessment methodology and the role of the assessor and the internal verifier are understood by all BTEC staff.
- Provide resources to ensure that assessment can be performed accurately and appropriately.
- Maintain and store securely all assessment and internal verification records in accordance with Pearson Approval Centre Agreement.



BTEC Assessment Policy - responsibilities

Assessment Plans	Lead Internal Verifiers (LIVs), shared with Quality Nominee (QN)	September
Assignments	Teachers, checked by LIVs	Prior to each unit
External Assessment entries	Requests from exams officer, confirmed by LIVs, checked by QN, entered by exams officer	November
Resubmissions	Authorised by LIV, discussed with QN if needed	As required
Assessment Records	Kept in programme file by LIV	All year, plus keep records for 3 years post-certification.
Tracking of Learners	On spreadsheet in shared area, overseen by LIV of each programme	All year, plus keep records for 3 years post-certification.
Preparation of Samples for EV	LIV, checked by QN	As requested



Appendix 2. Pearson BTEC Registration & Certification Policy

Aim:

- 1. To register individual learners to the correct programme within agreed timescales.
- 1. To claim valid learner certificates within agreed timescales.
- 2. To construct a secure, accurate and accessible audit trail to ensure that individual learner registration and certification claims can be tracked to the certificate which is issued for each learner.

In order to do this, Bristol Brunel Academy will:

- Register each learner within the awarding body requirements.
- Register each learner on the appropriate programme code, before any assessment activity is completed.
- Carry out registration and entry checks at 2 points in the year (September and March) to ensure the accuracy of learner registrations.
- Ensure that learners and their parents / carers are made aware of any changes to registration.
- Inform the awarding body of withdrawals, transfers or changes to learner details.
- Ensure that claims for units or certification are checked by QN and Examinations Officer prior to submission to Pearson.
- Ensure that certificate claims are timely and based on accurate internally verified assessment records.
- Audit the certification received from the awarding body to ensure accuracy and completeness prior to releasing results to learners.
- Keep all records safely and securely for three years post-certification.



BTEC Registration & Certification Policy - responsibilities

Registrations	From SIMs ² , checked by LIVs, QN then input by Exams Officer.	September
NT / In-year registrations	From AP ³ with oversight of year team, units checked with LIVs, input by Exams Officer.	As required
External Assessment entries	Requested by Exams Officer, response from LIVs, checked by QN then input by Exams Officer.	October
Mid-year registration check	From Edexcel Online entries, checked by LIVs, QN then any changes made by Exams Officer.	March
Withdrawals	From AP with oversight of year team, discussion with LIV, change made by Exams Officer.	As required
Unit Results	Input by teachers, checked by LIVs, QN collates and final check, input by Exams Officer, clerical check by QN.	June
Certification	Predicted results shared with LIVs, checked by LIVs and QN for anomalies, issues reported to Exams Officer and AP for outcomes.	June

² School Information Management system³ Assistant Principal



Appendix 3. Pearson BTEC Internal Verification Policy Aims

- 1. To ensure there is an accredited Lead Internal Verifier in each principal subject area (BTEC Entry Level Level 3).
- 2. To ensure that Internal Verification is valid, reliable and covers all Assessors and programme activity.
- 3. To ensure that the Internal Verification procedure is open, fair and free from bias.
- 4. To ensure that there is accurate and detailed recording of Internal Verification decisions.

In order to do this, Bristol Brunel Academy will ensure:

- A Lead Internal Verifier is appointed for each subject area, registered with Pearson and has undergone the necessary standardisation processes.
- Each Lead Internal Verifier oversees effective Internal Verification systems in their subject area.
- Staff are briefed and trained in the requirements for current Internal Verification procedures.
- Standardised Internal Verification documentation is provided and used.
- All centre assessments are verified as fit for purpose prior to hand out to learner.
- An annual Internal Verification schedule, linked to assessment plans, is in place.
- An appropriately structured sample of assessment from all programmes, units, sites and Assessors is Internally Verified, to ensure centre programmes conform to national standards.
- Secure records of all Internal Verification activity are maintained.
- The outcome of Internal Verification is used to enhance future assessment practice.

BTEC Internal Verification Policy - responsibilities

IV schedules	Created by LIVs, shared with QN and uploaded to shared area.	September
LIV Registration	LIV, checked by QN	September
OSCA ⁴ training	LIVs run this with subject teams	October
IV of assignments	LIV, copies of documentation in shared area.	Prior to assignment hand out
IV of assessment decisions	LIV, copies of documentation in shared area.	As per assessment schedule
IV records	LIV, kept in shared area	Keep records for 3 years post-certification.

⁴ Online Support for Centre Assessors

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