



Exams Key Terms

JCQ – Joint Council for Qualifications

JCQ in discussion with exam board agree and publish the regulations for sitting exams in the UK. Every exam in every school is subject to these rules. The procedures we ask students to follow in exams ensures that those rules are followed at all times. JCQ inspect the school every year, unannounced, to ensure we are following the rules.

You can find out more about JCQ here: <https://www.jcq.org.uk/about-us/>

Malpractice – Breaking the rules

Malpractice occurs when the JCQ regulations are broken by a student. All instances of malpractice must be reported, even if the rules were broken by accident. The penalty for malpractice is decided by the exam board and the judgement cannot be influenced by the school in any way.

Exams Boards – Responsible for setting and awarding exams

The exam boards set the questions on papers and are responsible for marking and grading them. The boards we currently use are as follows:

AQA – <https://www.aqa.org.uk/about-us>

Pearson Edexcel – <https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/about-us.html>

OCR – <https://www.ocr.org.uk/about-us/>

WJEC – <https://www.wjec.co.uk/home/about-us/>

DfE – Department for Education

The Department for Education is responsible for children's services and education, including early years, schools, higher and further education policy, apprenticeships, and wider skills in England. DfE is a ministerial department, supported by 18 agencies and public bodies.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education>

Ofqual – The Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation

The Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation (Ofqual) regulates qualifications, examinations and assessments in England. Ofqual is a non-ministerial department.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ofqual>