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**A Student Guide
to
Examinations
at
Ansford Academy
2025/26**

We are committed to ensuring that you as a candidate are fully briefed on the examination and assessment process in place at Ansford Academy and are made aware of the required Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ)/awarding body instructions and information for candidates.

This booklet has been put together to complement examination briefings, to provide important information, as well as to help you with some of the more practical aspects of taking non-examination assessments, coursework and examinations at Ansford Academy.

The information provided is **not** subject specific, but covers a range of dos and don'ts which, if followed, should make your experience of taking non-examination/coursework assessments and examinations at Ansford Academy as stress free as possible.

It includes many topics covering the where, when and how of examinations.

Please take time to read through the items included and if you have any further questions about examination arrangements at Ansford Academy the members of the Examinations Office will be happy to help.

Joanna Dyal

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'J. Dyal'.

Examinations Officer

The Examinations Office is located along the corridor near Reception, and Examinations Office staff can also be contacted by request with the Academy Receptionist. There is also an Examinations noticeboard outside of PA2.

Your personal data

In order to be able to provide examinations and assessments, and award qualifications, the awarding bodies need to collect and use information about you. We provide this information to them in order for us to administer the examinations on their behalf; this includes name, date of birth and gender.

Any person involved in completing examinations/assessments where malpractice is suspected, or alleged, personal data about them will be provided to the awarding body (or bodies) whose examinations/assessments are involved. Personal data about them may also be shared with other awarding bodies, the qualifications regulator or professional bodies...

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Your work

Work belonging to you that the Examinations Office or subject staff hold may include non-examination assessment work, coursework or other assessment pieces (including materials stored electronically). If your work forms part of a moderation sample, this is sent to the awarding body for moderation purposes and returned to the Academy at the end of the moderation period.

All work held by the Academy is stored safely and securely and is available for you to claim once the deadline for a review of moderation has passed or until a review of moderation, an appeal or a malpractice investigation has been completed, whichever is later (for the exam series).

You should let us know in advance if you intend to collect your work (this includes portfolios, practical work pieces, or other assignments). If you do not inform us of your intention to retain any of your work, this will be disposed of confidentially in the November following your exam season.

Non-examination assessments

Non-examination assessments are an element of extended work which contribute to your GCSE course. Not all GCSE courses have non-examination assessment elements.

When taking a non-examination assessment your subject teacher will explain to you the expectations and the rules which apply to this element of the course. The examination boards have some very specific national rules by which you must abide. These are included on the next page for you to read. You must ensure that you comply with these rules and that you sign an authentication statement provided by your subject teacher declaring that you have complied with these.

Non-examination assessments may have internally and/or externally assessed components. You will be informed by your subject teacher about these assessments, when they will take place and the deadlines for submission. We are committed to ensuring that whenever staff mark internally assessed work; this is done fairly, consistently and in accordance with the awarding body's specification and subject-specific associated documents. Internal moderation and standardisation ensure consistency of marking.

On being informed of your centre assessed marks, you may make use of our internal appeals procedure to consider whether to request a review of the centre's marking, before your marks are submitted to the awarding body. **If you have any concerns about any aspect of the administration of your non-examination assessment, it is important that you highlight these to the Examinations Officer immediately.** Our Internal Appeals procedure is available on our website.

If you are unsure about any elements of your non-examination assessment, please speak with your subject teacher.

The use of AI (Artificial Intelligence) – you must read the information below to help you stay within examination/assessment regulations when using AI.

For courses with non-examination assessments in current Year 11, please see overleaf.

Courses with non-examination assessments:

Subject	Type of non-examination assessment
Art & Design (Art, Craft & Design)	Non-examined portfolio Externally set assignment
Business and Enterprise	Non-examined assessment
Child Development and Care	Non-examined assessment
Design Technology	Non-examined assessment
Drama	Non-examined assessments
Hospitality & Catering	Non-examined assessment
English Language	English language endorsement
Physical Education	Non-examined assessments
Spanish	Internally conducted speaking assessment

Information for candidates

Non-examination assessments

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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 the regulations.

If there is something 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. They will then record the assistance given to you.

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

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. **Do not** share it with anyone, including posting it on social media. You must always keep your work secure and confidential. 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 any prepared or generated online solutions and try to pass them off as your own work – 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.

You can demonstrate your knowledge and understanding of a subject by using information from sources, or generated from sources, which may include the internet and AI. Remember, though, information from these sources may be incorrect or biased. You **must** take care how you use this material - you cannot copy it and claim it as your own work.

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 known as **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, p29.

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://news.bbc.co.uk/onthisday/hi/dates/stories/october/28/newsid_2621000/2621915.stm, downloaded 5 February 2026.

Where computer-generated content has been used (such as an AI chatbot), your reference **must** show the name of the AI tool used and should show the date the content was generated. For example: ChatGPT 3.5 (<https://openai.com/blog/chatgpt/>), 25/01/2026. You should also reference the sources used by the AI tool in generating the content.

You **must** retain a copy of the question(s) and computer-generated content for reference and authentication purposes in a non-editable format (such as a screenshot) and provide a brief explanation of how you used it. This **must** be submitted with your work for final assessment so that your teacher can review the work, the AI-generated content and how it has been used.

You may be required to include a bibliography at the end of your piece of written work. Your teacher will tell you whether this 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, ideas or outputs 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, ideas or outputs and trying to pass them off as your own. It could also include AI-produced material. **Plagiarism is a form of cheating which is taken very seriously.**

Don't think you won't 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 will be very familiar with work on the topic concerned. They may have read 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.

Sanctions for breaking the regulations

If it is discovered that you have broken the regulations, one of the following sanctions will be applied:

- you will be awarded zero marks for your work;
- 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 sanction is appropriate.

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

On-screen examinations

Some vocational courses conduct their examinations in the form of an on-screen test. These examinations are timetabled in the same way that a written examination is timetabled, in the exam season for which you are entered.

On-screen tests are conducted in line with the rules and regulations of written examinations, but in addition, the examination boards have some very specific national rules by which you must abide. These are included on the next page for you to read. You must ensure that you comply with these and follow the instructions of the Examinations Officer or invigilator carefully.

In preparation for your on-screen test, your subject teacher will explain to you the expectations and the rules which apply to this element of the course.

If you are unsure about any elements of your on-screen assessment, please speak with your subject teacher.

Courses with on-screen examinations:

Subject	Method of assessment
Hospitality & Catering (vocational qualification)	On-screen



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On-screen tests

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Read it carefully and follow the instructions.**

If there is anything you do not understand ask your teacher.

A. 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 exams.
- 4 Only take into the exam room the materials and equipment which are allowed for that exam.
- 5 You **must not** take into the exam room any unauthorised material including:
 - (a) notes;
 - (b) earphones or earbuds (e.g. AirPods), mobile phones, MP3/4 players or similar devices, smart glasses, tablets (e.g. iPads or iPods);
 - (c) a watch.

Unless you are told otherwise, you **must not** have access to:

- (d) AI tools, email, graphics packages or computer aided design software, portable storage media, e.g. floppy disks, CDs, memory sticks, social media sites, spreadsheets or the internet;
- (e) prepared templates.

Bringing unauthorised material into the exam room is breaking the rules, whether you intend to use it or not. You will be subject to sanctions and possible disqualification.

- 6 **Do not** talk to, try to communicate with or disturb other candidates once you have entered the exam room.
- 7 If you leave the exam room unaccompanied by an invigilator before the on-screen test has finished, you **will not** be allowed to return.
- 8 **Do not** borrow anything from another candidate during the on-screen test.

B. 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.

C. Calculators, dictionaries and computer spellcheckers

- 1 You may use a calculator unless you are told otherwise.
- 2 If you use a calculator:
 - (a) make sure it works properly; check that the batteries are working properly;
 - (b) clear anything stored in its memory;
 - (c) remove any parts such as cases, lids or covers which have printed instructions or formulae;
 - (d) **do not** bring into the examination room any operating instructions or prepared programs.
- 3 **Do not** use a dictionary or computer spellchecker unless you are told otherwise.

D. Instructions during the on-screen test

- 1 Always listen to the invigilator. Always follow their instructions.
- 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 issues;
 - (d) your access to the on-screen test has not been set up correctly;
 - (e) adjustments to the on-screen test have not been made for you, e.g. additional time has not been added, computer reading software or speech recognition software has not been uploaded.
- 3 You may be given a question paper or the instructions may be on screen. In either case, read carefully and follow the instructions. **Do not** open the question paper until you are told that the exam has begun.

E. Advice and assistance

- 1 If, on the day of the on-screen test, you feel that your work may be affected by ill health or any other reason, tell the invigilator.
- 2 Put up your hand during the on-screen test if:
 - (a) you have a problem with your computer and are not sure what you should do;
 - (b) you do not feel well.
- 3 You **must not** ask for, and will not be given, any explanation of the questions.

F. At the end of the on-screen test

- 1 Ensure that the software closes at the end of the on-screen test.
- 2 If you are required to print off work outside the time allowed for the on-screen test, ensure that you collect your own work. You **must not** share your work with other candidates. Make sure that another candidate does not collect your printout(s).
- 3 **Do not** leave the exam room until told to do so by the invigilator.
- 4 **Do not** take any stationery from the exam room. This includes rough work, printouts or any other materials provided for the on-screen test.

Written timetabled examinations

Written timetabled examinations for the summer 2026 series will be running during May and June.

'Statement of Entry'

Candidate Statements of Entry are issued to you during February of the year you take your GCSEs. This shows what examinations you have been entered for, along with the tier, if appropriate.

You should carefully check this to ensure your personal details and examination entries are correct. If you have any queries, go to the Examinations Office. If you have any questions about the tier you have been entered for, you should discuss this with your subject teacher.

Examination timetables

Examination timetables are issued to you before the Easter holidays; these provide you with your personal examination timetable. This provides the times and dates of all of your examinations. Again, please check this carefully, and go to the Examinations Office if you have any queries or concerns.



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Written examinations

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If there is anything you do not understand, especially which calculator you may use, ask your teacher.

A. 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 exams.
- 4 You must not** take into the exam room any unauthorised material, including:
 - (a) notes;
 - (b) earphones or earbuds (e.g. AirPods), mobile phones, MP3/4 players or similar devices, smart glasses, tablets (e.g. iPads or iPods);
 - (c) watches.

Any pencil cases taken into the exam room **must** be see-through.

Remember: possession of unauthorised material is breaking the rules, even if you do not intend to use it, and you will be subject to sanctions and possible disqualification.

- 5 Do not** use correcting pens, fluid or tape, erasable pens, highlighters or gel pens in your answers.
- 6 Do not** talk to or try to communicate with or disturb other candidates once you have entered the exam room.
- 7 You must not** write inappropriate, obscene or offensive material.
- 8** If you leave the exam room unaccompanied by an invigilator before the exam has finished, you **will not** be allowed to return.
- 9 Do not** borrow anything from another candidate during the exam.

B. Information – Make sure you attend your exams and bring what you need

- 1 Know the dates and times of all your exams. Arrive at least ten minutes before the start of each exam.
- 2 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.
- 4 Only take into the exam room the pens, pencils, erasers and any other permitted equipment needed for the exam.
- 5 You **must** write clearly and in black ink. Coloured pencils or inks may be used only for diagrams, maps, charts, etc, unless the instructions printed on the front of the question paper state otherwise.

C. Calculators, dictionaries and computer spellcheckers

- 1 You may use a calculator unless you are told otherwise.
- 2 If you use a calculator:
 - (a) make sure it works properly; check that the batteries are working properly;
 - (b) clear anything stored in its memory;
 - (c) remove any parts such as cases, lids or covers which have printed instructions or formulae;
 - (d) **do not** bring into the exam room any operating instructions or prepared programs.
- 3 **Do not** use a dictionary or computer spellchecker unless you are told otherwise.

D. Instructions during the exam

- 1 Always listen to the invigilator. Always follow their instructions.
- 2 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;
 - (c) you think you have not been given the expected access arrangement(s).
- 3 Read carefully and follow the instructions printed on the question paper and/or on the answer booklet.
- 4 **Do not** start writing anything until the invigilator tells you to fill in all the details required on the front of the question paper and/or the answer booklet. **Do not** open the question paper until you are told that the exam has begun.
- 5 Remember to write your answers within the designated sections of the answer booklet.
- 6 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, including those used for rough work.

E. Advice and assistance

- 1 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.
- 2 Put up your hand during the exam if:
 - (a) you have a problem and are not sure what you should do;
 - (b) you do not feel well;
 - (c) you need more paper.
- 3 **You must** not ask for, and will not be given, any explanation of the questions.

F. At the end of the exam

- 1 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. For CCEA examinations, any loose additional answer sheets should be placed **behind** your script.

- 2 **Do not** leave the exam room until told to do so by the invigilator.
- 3 **Do not** take any stationery from the exam room. This includes the question paper, answer booklets (used or unused), rough work or any other materials provided for the exam.

Examination regulations

There are many regulations regarding the sitting of examinations and one of our jobs in the Examinations Office is to make sure that these rules are followed.

There are certain rules where it is down to you to make sure that you do not break them. You may feel that some of these rules are petty, but *they are the rules* and there are strict penalties imposed by the examination boards if they are broken.

Each time you are entered for an examination series you will be issued with a copy of these nationally set rules.

Copies of the national rules (information for candidate's documents) are provided as necessary throughout this booklet, please make sure you read these carefully.

Please read the following Warning to Candidates, and the rules on using social media during your examinations/assessments. All of the documents are provided to help you comply with examination regulations.

Warning to candidates



 AQA	 City & Guilds	 CCEA	 NCFE	 OCR	 Pearson	 WJEC
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You **must** be on time for all your examinations.

2

Possession of a mobile phone or other unauthorised material **is not allowed** even if you do not intend to use it. You will be subject to penalty and possible disqualification from the examination or qualification.

3

You **must not** talk to, attempt to communicate with or disturb other candidates once you have entered the examination room.

4

You **must** follow the instructions of the invigilator.

5

You **must not** sit an examination in the name of another candidate.

6

You **must not** become involved in any unfair or dishonest practice in any part of the examination.

7

If you are confused about anything, only speak to an 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.

While we like to share our experiences online, when it comes to exams and other assessments, we have to be careful.

- Sharing ideas online can be helpful when you're studying or revising
- However, sharing certain information (see information on the right) can break the rules and could affect your results
- If you're not sure what you can and can't discuss online, check with your teacher
- If you receive exam content on social media, you must tell your teacher
- Don't be caught out by scammers selling fake exam papers



Things to do on social media:

- Have fun
- Be responsible
- Report any exam or assessment content you see to your teacher

Things not to do on social media:

- Buy/ask for/share exam or assessment content
- Pass on rumours of what's in exams or assessments
- Share your work
- Work with others so that your assessment is not your own independent work

If you do any of the above activities, you may:

- ! Receive a written warning
- ! Lose marks
- ! Be disqualified from a part of all of your qualifications
- ! Be banned from taking exams and assessments for a number of years

Please take the time to familiarise yourself with the JCQ rules:
jcq.org.uk/exams-office/information-for-candidates-documents

Contingency days – Summer 2026

IMPORTANT

The awarding bodies have designated the day of Wednesday 24 June 2026 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 'contingency days' 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.

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 Wednesday 24 June 2026.**

We must therefore remind you that you must remain available until the last contingency day should an awarding body need to invoke its contingency plan.

Examination timetable clashes

Two or three units in the same subject with the same date and start time (with a total examination time of 3 hours or less) **do not** constitute a clash; in such cases papers will be held one after the other, each paper receiving its full-time allowance.

Units in different subjects with the same date and start time **are** considered to be a clash. If the total duration of those examinations is 3 hours or less, papers will be held one after the other **within the timetabled session**, each paper receiving its full-time allowance. This will be managed under formal examination conditions within the examination room with a supervised break of no more than 20 minutes.

If the total duration of those examinations is more than 3 hours, one of the examinations may be conducted in an earlier or later session on the same day. In these cases, it will be necessary for you to be supervised over the lunchtime. This means you will be held under supervised conditions from the start of your first examination until the end of your last examination. If you have a lunchtime supervision you will need to bring with you a packed lunch and everything that you need for that day. During the period of lunchtime supervision, you will be permitted to revise for your forthcoming examination.

There may be circumstances where overnight supervision arrangements have to be applied, this arrangement would only be applied as a last resort and once all other options have been exhausted.

A separate note of any alternative arrangements made for you will be included with your timetable and statement of entry.

If you think you have a clash on your timetable but have not received a clash notification, please report this to the Examinations Office **immediately**.

Important Please Note: If you have several examinations in an afternoon session this may mean that your examination finishing time is later than the end of the normal school day and, if you use the school bus, you may therefore need to make alternative travel arrangements to get home.

Attendance

Every examination will have a published start time; this is generally 9.15am for morning examinations and 1.30pm for afternoon examinations.

This is the time that the examination will start – you should arrange to arrive at the examination room at least 15 minutes before the stated time, to allow everyone to be seated and attendance checked before the examination starts.

In the summer series (May/June) most but not all of the examinations will take place in the Sports Hall.

All candidates are required to stay for the full length of their examination. You may not leave an examination room until the invigilator gives you permission to.

If you leave an examination room unsupervised before the end of the examination, for any reason, you will not be allowed to return.



Regulation

Candidates must stay under supervision until at least one hour after the published start time for each examination.

Invisilators

Invisilators are the people who are in charge of the examination rooms; there will be at least one invisilator in every examination room.

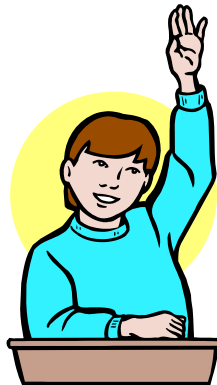
Invisilators are there to make sure that everything runs smoothly and follow strict rules and regulations when conducting examinations, as directed by JCQ awarding bodies. They are also there to make sure that everything is OK for you.

The invisilator will tell you when you may start your examination and will tell you when you must finish. The invisilator will also help with any queries during the examination, for example, if you need more writing paper.

The one thing the invisilator cannot and will not do is help you with the questions!

Leaving the room temporarily

If at any time during an examination you need to go to the toilet or you feel unwell, just put up you hand and attract the attention of an invisilator. You will be fully supervised for the duration of time you spend outside of the examination room. You may be allowed extra time for your temporary absence at the end of the examination.



Examination room conditions

You should wait quietly outside of the examination room until you are asked to enter. You are under formal examination conditions from the moment you enter the examination room, until after the examination and you have left the examination room, having been given permission to leave.

You must listen to and follow the instructions of the invigilator at all times in the examination room and must not communicate in any way with other candidates.

All information you need for the examination will be displayed in the room, or in instructions given to you by the Examinations Officer/Invigilator. You will be instructed to complete the front of your answer book (legal first name and surname that matches your entry information, candidate number etc.); **this must not be completed until instructed to do so**. YOU MUST NOT DOODLE ANYWHERE ON YOUR EXAMINATION PAPER, nor write anywhere on the paper other than the spaces provided for your answers.

You will be told when the examination formally commences and how long the examination will last. You must not open the question paper until the examination begins.

Should you require additional answer sheets/answer books during the examination you should raise your hand and the invigilator will assist. Ensure you complete your details on these additional sheets fully, to ensure that if they become separated from your answer booklet, they can be identified as yours.

When you have left the examination room, please be considerate of the fact that often there may be some of your peers still inside the room working. Conversations by students standing outside of the room can be heard clearly inside, so please leave the vicinity of the examination room promptly, so you do not disturb anyone still working.

PLEASE NOTE THAT; 'Candidates are under formal examination conditions from the moment they enter the room in which they will be taking their examination(s) until the point at which they are permitted to leave.

Candidates must not talk to, attempt to communicate with or disturb other candidates once they have entered the examination room. If they do, this must be reported to the relevant awarding body.

Candidates must not open the question paper until the examination begins. If they do, this must be reported to the relevant awarding body.'

Confirmation of your identity

Whilst on most occasions, the Examinations Officer will be present to ascertain your identity to sit your examinations, there may be occasions when an invigilator will check the photograph on your desk card, to identify you and ensure you are sitting in the correct seat. If your desk card does not contain a photograph, your identity will need to be ascertained by the Examinations Officer or other staff member.

Examinations notice boards

There is an Examinations Notice Board, outside of PA2 which is used to publish timetables, seating plans and other relevant examinations information, please ensure that you look at this regularly, especially during examinations sessions.

Seating plans

At school because of the large number of students taking examinations your seat number will most likely change with each examination.

Full examination seating plans are shown on the notice board outside the Examinations Office. Please Note: Due to space restrictions, seating plans may only be displayed 24 hours in advance.

If you are due to take an examination this is where you should look to find out which room you will be in to take your examination.

Students are sat in candidate number order.

Any last-minute changes to rooms will be posted on the Examinations Office notice board – so please make sure you **check this regularly** during examination periods.

A copy of the seating plan is also available outside of the examination room for you to refer to before you enter.

Desk cards

Your allocated seat will be assigned within the room by your desk card. Please leave this on the desk when leaving the examination room, and DO NOT de-face your desk card, these will be used for the duration of the examination season.

Items you need to take to every examination

All writing equipment and equipment required for your examination i.e.: pens (black ink only), pencils, eraser, ruler, calculator, mathematical equipment, colouring pencils, highlighters, etc.

YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR BRINGING ANY MATERIALS YOU NEED FOR YOUR EXAMINATION, *the Examinations Office does not hold supplies of these items to give out in the examination room.*

Resources allowed are generally set out in the instructions on the question paper. Taking a resource that is not shown on the question paper or stationery list may be considered as malpractice in the same way as having any other unauthorised items.

Pencil cases, if used, must be of the see-through variety.

IMPORTANT: All examinations must be completed in black ink



Using calculators

A calculator is defined as an electronic device whose primary purpose is to carry out mathematical calculations. The instructions on the question paper will say whether calculators are allowed or not. If the instructions do not include such a statement, calculators should be treated as standard equipment and may be used by candidates. Where the use of a calculator is allowed, candidates are responsible for making sure that their calculators meet the awarding bodies' regulations.

PLEASE NOTE: Calculator covers/lids are not permitted in the room with you, they must be of a size suitable for use on the desk, must be either battery or solar powered. Also, you **MUST** clear any memory in the calculator storage facility prior to the examination.

Regulations on the use of calculators:

During an examination a calculator must not be able to offer any of these facilities:

- language translators;
- symbolic algebra manipulation;
- symbolic differentiation or integration;
- communication with other machines or the internet;

During an examination a calculator must not give access to pre-stored information. This includes:

- databanks;
- dictionaries;
- mathematical formulae;
- text.

A calculator must not be borrowed from another candidate during an examination.

Some calculators have an 'exam mode'. This is acceptable in examinations where the exam mode is activated and the exam mode results in the calculator becoming compliant with the above requirements.



Items you must NOT bring to examinations

You are not permitted to have the following items with you during an examination.

Please find somewhere safe to leave them for the duration of your examination.

Any electronic device such as Mobile phones/iPods/digital image capture devices, this includes AirPods/earphones/phone chargers



ANY TYPE of watch; whether Analogue or Mobile-enabled/Smart Watches



Handbags, rucksacks etc.



Books, notes, study guides, papers, own blank paper, calculator covers/lids or instructions



Correcting fluid, correcting tape or pens



Please note:

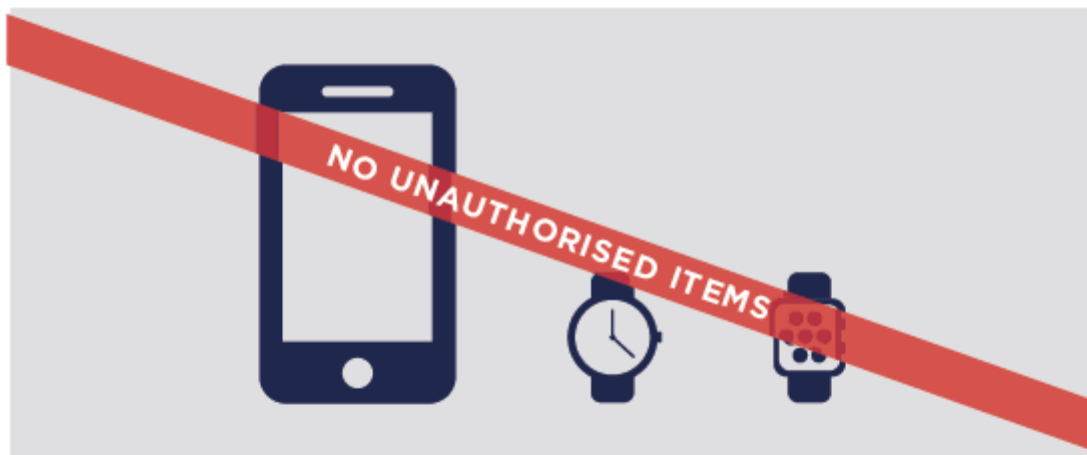
The Examinations Office does not have safe storage facilities for students' personal property.

It is therefore the responsibility of every student to make alternative arrangements for the safe keeping of all personal property not permitted in the examination room.

No responsibility will be taken by the Academy for items stolen from inside or outside any examination room.

NO MOBILE PHONES NO WATCHES

NO TECHNOLOGICAL OR WEB-ENABLED
POTENTIAL SOURCES OF INFORMATION



Possession of unauthorised items, such as a mobile phone
or any watch, 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.

Food and drink

Drinks – Water bottles are allowed in the examination room. These should be clear bottles with a spill-proof cap. There should be **no label** on the bottle. Drinks cans and other containers will not be permitted.

Food - food is not permitted in the examination room unless it is required for medical reasons only.



What you should wear for your examinations

Full school uniform should be worn for all of your examinations, remember a jumper in case of a variation in temperature.

You will be asked to remove coats and items that are not school uniform before you enter the examination room.

If you arrive late

If you arrive late for any of your examinations, you should report to the Examinations Office upon arrival into school.

Students who arrive very late after the published start time must be reported to the Examination Board concerned.

Students should note that the Examination Board has the right to refuse to mark the work of any student arriving very late after the published start time.

Illness during or absence from examinations

If you are ill on the day of an examination or are unable to take an examination for any reason please notify the Examinations Office straight away.

We will discuss your situation and give you appropriate advice.

If you do not let us know we may struggle to help you to secure a good outcome for yourself.

If you are unwell but manage to attend an examination, notify the invigilator or the Examinations Officer as soon as you are able to let them know your circumstances. It would be helpful to know this before the examination commences.

If you are unwell during an examination, raise your hand and inform the invigilator, who will summon the assistance of the Examinations Officer and First Aider, should this be required.

In the event of an emergency

Should there be an emergency or requirement for lockdown having an impact on the Examination room, the invigilators are trained to manage such events and will give you clear instructions on what action should be taken. For the safety of all students, please ensure you follow these instructions.

The evacuation and lockdown procedures are detailed overleaf.



EMERGENCY PROCEDURES IN THE EXAMINATION ROOM

Action for candidates in an emergency such as a fire alarm

REMEMBER – HEALTH AND SAFETY IS PARAMOUNT

1. Remain calm and follow the instructions of the Exams Officer/Invigilator.
2. You will be asked to stop writing, place your pens on the desk and close your exam script.
3. You must not discuss the exam paper with any other candidates and you must leave all your question papers and exam scripts in the examination room.
4. You must leave the examination room in silence, line by line in an orderly fashion. In the Sports Hall, leave the hall via the far (right-hand) fire exit. In PA2/GEN1/GEN2/Music area follow the fire procedure route as defined in the room (blue sign on a wall by a door) and assemble in the 'exam holding area' (staff car park for PA2/Music area and grass area outside of GEN1/GEN2) until all other students have exited the building, then proceed to the assembly point.
5. The evacuation point for all exam candidates is at the far end of the tennis courts, next to staff, away from other student lines. Candidates must line up in tutor lines.
6. Upon dismissal from the evacuation point, you will be allowed to leave the evacuation point BEFORE all other students, supervised by invigilators, and will be asked to line up outside, to re-enter the examination room line by line in an orderly fashion.
7. You will restart the examination and be allowed the full working time for the examination.
8. After the examination is concluded, a full report of the incident and of the action taken will be sent to the appropriate awarding body.

LOCKDOWN PROCEDURES DURING EXAMINATIONS

Action for candidates in an emergency lockdown situation

REMEMBER – THE WELFARE AND SAFETY OF CANDIDATES AND STAFF IS PARAMOUNT

1. Remain calm and follow the instructions of the Examinations Officer/Invigilator.
2. You will be asked to stop writing, place your pens on the desk and close your examination script.
3. You must not discuss the examination paper with any other candidates and you must remain silent.
4. Leave all your examination materials on the desk and hide under your desk or sit against a wall/around a corner but not near the door. All doors and windows will be locked, curtains/blinds closed and lights switched off. Tables, chairs and other furniture may be used to barricade the entrance to the examination room. If the threat is chemical/toxic, you will be instructed to cover your mouth and nose.
5. Once the lockdown is ended, where applicable and advised to do so by the Principal, and following national guidelines, the examination may be restarted, if there is sufficient time remaining. After the examination is concluded, a full report of the incident and of the action taken will be sent to the appropriate awarding body.
6. If a lockdown is required as you are entering/waiting to enter the examination room, you will be instructed to enter the examination room and follow the above procedure.
7. If a lockdown is required after the examination/as you are leaving the examination room, the invigilator will stop dismissing candidates and you will be instructed to re-enter the examination room and follow the above procedure.

Access arrangements

Some students are entitled to receive extra help with their examinations. These are usually students who have a specific learning difficulty such as dyslexia or who have a medical condition which means that a regular examination set up is not appropriate for them.

Extra help in examinations can be anything from additional time to assistance from a member of staff acting as a reader or a scribe, or sometimes the use of a word processor.



Some students with access arrangements will need to be timetabled into a separate examination room so that they are not disturbed and in turn do not disturb other candidates. If you are timetabled into a different room this will be shown on your personal seating list.

The Sports Hall Gym and Foyer will generally be the main rooms used for students with access to a scribe, reader or prompt.

Students with the use of a word processor are usually accommodated in the Bungalow.

Other rooms may be used for specific arrangements.

YOU WILL KNOW BEFORE YOUR EXAMINATIONS IN THE SUMMER, WHETHER YOU ARE ELIGIBLE FOR ANY FORM OF ACCESS ARRANGEMENT. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU SPEAK WITH THE SENCO OR EXAMINATIONS OFFICER IF YOU FEEL YOU REQUIRE ANY ASSISTANCE OR ARE UNSURE WHAT ARRANGEMENTS ARE IN PLACE FOR YOU.

IT MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE TO PUT ARRANGEMENTS INTO PLACE AT THE LAST MINUTE IF YOU FAIL TO ALERT US TO ANY DIFFICULTIES IN GOOD TIME.

Special considerations

Special consideration is a post-examination adjustment that compensates candidates who were suffering from a temporary illness or condition, or who were otherwise disadvantaged at the time of an examination. This can also be considered for non-examination assessments or coursework.

Students may be disadvantaged in a number of ways, including;

- terminal illness, terminal illness of a parent/carer, or bereavement
- illness, surgery, or disease
- flare-up of congenital, medical or psychological conditions
- bodily injury, broken bones
- crisis or incident, traumatic experience or witnessing a distressing event
- extreme distress (not simply exam stress)

This list is not exhaustive, and full details can be found in the JCQ '*A guide to the special consideration process - General and Vocational qualifications*' document.

Examinations Officers may apply for special consideration on a candidate's behalf and will require students' permission before doing so. Appropriate evidence may need to be provided to support a request for special consideration.

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU SPEAK WITH THE EXAMINATIONS OFFICER IF YOU ARE EXPERIENCING ANY DIFFICULTIES OR ILLNESS THAT MAY IMPACT ON YOUR PERFORMANCE DURING ASSESSMENTS OR EXAMINATIONS. THIS COULD BE LEADING UP TO OR DURING ASSESSMENT OR EXAMINATIONS.

IT MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE TO APPLY FOR SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS AT THE LAST MINUTE IF YOU FAIL TO ALERT US TO ANY DIFFICULTIES IN GOOD TIME.

Malpractice

We must ensure that the strict regulations in place to ensure the integrity of qualifications are followed. Any act or practice which is in breach of the regulations constitutes malpractice. Any alleged, suspected or actual incidents of malpractice will be investigated and reported to the relevant awarding body/bodies. This is to protect the integrity of the qualification and to be fair to the centre and all candidates.

JCQ provides information regarding what constitutes malpractice;

- introduction of unauthorised material into the examination room (whether or not you intend to use it)
- breaches of examination conditions
- exchanging, obtaining, receiving, or passing on information which could be examination related (or the attempt to)
- failing to report to the centre or awarding body having unauthorised access to assessment related information or sharing unauthorised assessment related information on-line
- offences relating to the content of candidates' work
- undermining the integrity of examinations/assessments
- a breach of the instructions or advice of an invigilator
- disruptive behaviour in the examination room or during an assessment session

A more comprehensive list can be found in the 'Table of offences and ranges of penalties (Indicative sanctions against candidates)' (Appendix 6, of the JCQ *Suspected Malpractice: Policies and Procedures* document).

Things not to do on social media:

- Buy/ask for/share exam or assessment content
- Pass on rumours of what's in exams or assessments
- Share your work
- Work with others so that your assessment is not your own independent work
- and/or non-examination assessments and coursework, for example:

Research and using references

...Where computer-generated content has been used (such as an AI Chatbot), your reference **must** show the name of the AI tool used and should show the date the content was generated. For example: ChatGPT 3.5 (<https://openai.com/blog/chatgpt/>), 25/01/2026.

You should also reference the sources used by the AI tool in generating the content.

You **must** retain a copy of the question(s) and computer-generated content for reference and authentication purposes in a non-editable format (such as a screenshot) and provide a brief explanation of how you used it. This **must** be submitted with your work for final assessment so that your teacher can review the work, the AI-generated content and how it has been used...

If you copy the words, ideas or outputs 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, ideas or outputs and trying to pass them off as your own. It could also include AI-produced material. Plagiarism is a form of cheating which is taken very seriously...

You should also be aware of the *JCQ Information for Candidates – Social Media 2025* document, contained within this document.

The awarding body may decide to penalise a candidate proven guilty of malpractice, which could include disqualification.

The levels of sanction or penalty that may be applied are also found in the above *Suspected Malpractice: Policies and Procedures* document.

What Is AI?

AI stands for artificial intelligence and can be used to create text, images, videos, music and artwork based on instructions given to an AI tool.



What Is an AI tool?

AI tools are applications, such as ChatGPT, Snapchat My AI, Google and Google translate. There are many more!*



*The list of certain suppliers of AI-related products is for information purposes only and does not constitute an endorsement by JCQ and awarding bodies. It is each centre's responsibility to investigate and verify any suppliers they use, including any terms and conditions which govern the sale or use of the supplier's products. The list provided is not exhaustive.

When can I use AI?

- Your teachers may use it in class when teaching the course, but remember teaching in the classroom is not an exam!
- There are some assessments where you can use AI – your teachers will tell you if you can or cannot use an AI tool.
- Remember, the rules are different for different assessments and subjects, so always check with your teachers first!
- When an AI tool is allowed, **you must acknowledge**** the AI tools and the material produced by the AI tool that you have used in your work. If you do not acknowledge AI use, it will be **considered as cheating**.



When can I not use an AI tool?

- AI tools cannot be used in an exam or any other assessment where exam rules apply.
- This is what exam boards call **AI misuse and is a form of cheating**.



**Acknowledgment – 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 known as referencing. You must make sure that you give detailed references for everything in your work which is not in your own words, for example, *ChatGPT 3.5* (<https://openai.com/blog/chatgpt/>), 25/01/2025.

IF YOU USE AN AI TOOL, YOU CANNOT GET MARKS FOR WHAT THE AI TOOL HAS PRODUCED, AS IT IS NOT YOUR OWN WORK

If I'm allowed to use AI, how is this breaking the rules?

- AI misuse is when you use an AI tool in an exam or assessment where you are not allowed to; and/or
- Where you use an AI tool to create work and then say it's your own.



How to make sure you don't misuse AI

DECLARE

- Remember to sign your declaration form when handing in your work for final assessment.
- Your signature on the declaration form tells your teacher and the exam board that you are saying all the work you're handing in is your own.
- If you have used an AI tool, **you must declare***** that you have used it before signing the declaration form!

***Declare – this means that 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 the regulations.

ACKNOWLEDGE

If you are allowed to use an AI tool in your assessment (remember to check!), you must do the following:

- reference the AI tool you have used
- give the date of when the AI tool generated the content
- give details of how you used it.
- save screenshots of what you have asked or instructed the AI tool to do and what answer the AI gave you, and include this with the work submitted.

LAST CHECKS



Know the rules



Check with your teachers



ACKNOWLEDGE and DECLARE



Examination results

Examination results are available at the end of August. For 2026 GCSE summer examinations the date is Thursday 20 August 2026.

You will be informed how results can be collected in the days leading up to Results Day.

If you are unable to collect your results yourself, you should provide authorisation to the Examinations Office, prior to results day, for someone to collect your results on your behalf.

This authorisation must be in writing and must name the person collecting your results. The person specified will have to provide proof of identification to us on the day, for us to release your results to them.

If results are not collected, they are put into the postal system at midday on Results Day.

Certificates

Certificates are generally released from the awarding bodies in early November. We give these out during our Examination Certificate collection event and invite anyone unable to attend to collect their certificates following the event, during school office hours. Again, you will have to provide written notification as above, to allow another person to collect your certificates on your behalf.

Please note that any certificates not collected within 12 months will be securely destroyed. Awarding bodies charge for replacement certificates. Students are warned that some awarding bodies do not offer a replacement certificate service. In such cases the awarding body will issue a Certifying Statement of Results.

Appeals (Post-Results Services)

There are a number of services available within the post-results services including reviews of results and appeals, and access to scripts. If you would like to make an appeal for one or more of your examinations, please speak with your subject teacher to discuss this in the first instance. If you decide that you would like to make an appeal, please speak with the Examinations Officer who will give you the appropriate forms and details of the costings involved.

There will be staff available to have these discussions during and after the issuing of results.

There are details of Post Results Services on our website. Full details of Post Results Services will also be provided to you in your Exam Results Day pack.

Internal appeals and complaints and appeals procedures

In accordance with our Internal Appeals and Complaints and Appeals Policies, if a candidate has a general concern or complaint about our delivery or administration of a qualification, we encourage them to try to resolve this informally in the first instance by making contact with our Examinations Officer. If a complaint fails to be resolved informally the candidate is at liberty to make a formal complaint.

Our Internal Appeals and Complaints and Appeals Procedures are available on our website.

Helping you prepare

JCQ have produced a useful infographic to help you prepare to sit your examinations:




On your exam day

This checklist will help you to be as prepared as possible for your exams so that you can focus on doing your best on the day.

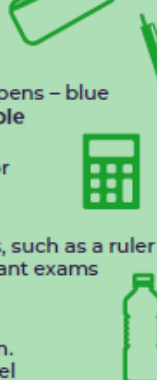
Before sitting your exams, ensure you know:

- the date, time and location of each of your exams. You might find it helpful to write this information in a calendar or planner.
- who to contact at school or college in case there's an emergency that makes you late or unable to sit your exam.

What you cannot take into your exams:

- any type of phone
 - revision notes
 - any type of watch (this includes analogue, digital and smart watches)
 - smart devices (e.g. Airbuds, smart glasses or tablets)
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What you will need:

- a clear pencil case
 - at least two black ink pens – blue pens are **not acceptable**
 - an approved calculator for relevant exams
 - appropriate apparatus, such as a ruler or protractor, for relevant exams
 - a clear water bottle if you wish to take one in. It **must not** have a label
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Other Important Information:

- Listen carefully to the invigilator's instructions, which will be specific to your exam. If you are unsure of anything, please raise your hand and wait for the invigilator to respond.
- Fill in your details on the front of your answer booklet.
- If you need an additional answer sheet, raise your hand and wait for an invigilator to provide one. Remember to add your details to this sheet.
- If you need to use the toilet or feel unwell, raise your hand and wait for an invigilator to escort you from the exam room.
- Remember to stay silent – talking to a fellow candidate could result in disqualification from all your exams.

Contingency sessions:

- There are contingency sessions within the Summer 2026 exam timetable on the morning and afternoon of 24 June 2026. Make sure you are available on 24 June 2026.

If you have any questions about your exams, please ask your teacher or exams officer.



You can also find useful information about preparing for exams at www.jcq.org.uk/exams-office/Information-for-candidates-documents

Other useful information

The Examinations Office is located along the corridor near to reception.

Examinations Office

- Tel: 01963 350895
- Email: exams@ansford.mnsp.org.uk

Ansford School Examinations Centre Number is 63407

PLEASE NOTE: We cannot give out early notice of examination dates to individual students to enable them to book holidays etc. – so please do not ask! Examination dates and times are set by the awarding bodies and cannot be moved.

All references to our website in this document, are found within our ‘Exam Information for Students’ pages on our website at:

<https://ansford.org.uk/key-information/curriculum-and-enrichment/examinations/important-information-for-candidates/>.

If you have any queries about your examinations which have not been covered by this booklet, please ask immediately.

If we have plenty of notice we can sort out most problems – but not if you do not tell us until the day, you should be taking your examination.

Examination check list for students



Aim to arrive at school and be at your examination room 15 minutes prior to an examination **AT THE LATEST**. It is much better to leave yourself a safety margin on timings in case of problems with the journey.



When taking examinations, bags, handbags and personal belongings may not always be brought into the room. Because of this, there are some things to be considered – money, keys, valuables etc.



Phones – **Students must not have mobile phones in their possession** (either on or off). They can be handed in to the invigilator for safe keeping during the examination if necessary. This is very important – if a phone is found in your possession, there is a chance your whole examination will be disqualified. If you do have your phone in your bag or handed in you must make sure it is switched off.



ANY TYPE of watch - students must not have a watch; whether analogue, or mobile-enabled/smart watches, in their possession. They can be handed into the invigilator for safe keeping during the examination if necessary.



You should not have any pieces of paper, notes, paggers, MP3/4 players or any other technological/web enabled source of information, or an image capture device etc. in your possession. **YOU SHOULD ALSO NOT HAVE ANY WRITING ON YOUR HANDS OR ANYWHERE ON YOUR BODY, NOR SHOULD YOU WRITE ON YOUR HANDS DURING THE EXAMINATION.**



You should bring a black pen, pencil, rubber and any other writing equipment needed for your examinations. Only clear pencil cases are allowed on your desk, any others should be left in your bag. **Gel pens are not permitted** – this is because many of the examination papers are now scanned and sent electronically for marking – gel pens do not scan well.



In an examination where you have the use of a calculator, you should not have a calculator cover/lid or instructions in the room with you, it is also your responsibility to clear the stored memory before the examination.

Sshh!

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