

# The Fernwood staff responsibilities - GCSE controlled assessments

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## Senior leadership team (KM)

- Accountable for the safe and secure conduct of controlled assessments. Ensure assessments comply with JCQ guidelines and awarding bodies' subject-specific instructions.
- At the start of the academic year, begin coordinating with heads of department/subject to schedule controlled assessments. (It is advisable that controlled assessments are spread throughout the academic years of Key Stage 4.)
- Map overall resource management requirements for the academic year. As part of this resolve:
  - clashes/problems over the timing or operation of controlled assessments;
  - issues arising from the need for particular facilities (rooms, IT networks, time out of school etc);
- Ensure that all staff involved have a calendar of events.
- Create, publish and update an internal appeals policy for controlled assessments.

## Heads of department/faculty

- Decide on the awarding body and specification for a particular GCSE.
- At the beginning of **EACH** academic year supply to the examinations officer (DB) details of all unit codes for controlled assessments. This must be accurate and complete by the 15<sup>th</sup> September.
- Standardise internally the marking of all teachers involved in assessing an internally assessed component. Use the training materials provided by the examining bodies ahead of the marking process to ensure continuity within the faculty.
- Ensure that individual teachers fully understand their responsibilities with regard to controlled assessment especially security, moderation and access arrangements.
- Ensure that individual teachers fully understand the requirements of the awarding body's specification, are familiar with the relevant teachers' notes **and** any other subject specific instructions.

- Where appropriate, develop new assessment tasks or adapt sample awarding body assessment tasks to meet local circumstances, in line with the awarding body's specification and control requirements.

## Teaching staff

- Understand and comply with the general guidelines detailed within the JCQ publication *Instructions for conducting controlled assessments*.
- Understand and comply with the awarding body's specification for conducting controlled assessments, including any subject-specific instructions, teachers' notes or additional information on the awarding body's website.
- Keep the head of department/faculty up to date with all personnel changes within your teaching groups and ensure the examinations officer is also up to date with any changes. If there are any deviations from the agreed course or controlled assessments, to notify the head of department/faculty/examinations officer with immediate effect.
- Supply to the examinations office details of all unit codes for controlled assessments by 15<sup>th</sup> September.
- Obtain confidential materials/tasks set by awarding bodies in sufficient time to prepare for the assessment(s) and ensure that such materials are stored securely at all times. See the examinations officer for secure examination board downloads.
- Supervise assessments (at the specified level of control). Undertake the tasks required under the regulations, only permitting assistance to candidates as the specification allows. Ensure all candidates with agreed access arrangements have the appropriate provision as depicted in their access testing.
- Ensure that candidates **and** supervising teachers sign authentication forms on completion of an assessment.
- Mark internally assessed components using the mark scheme provided by the awarding body. Submit marks to the awarding body by the published deadline, keeping a record of the marks awarded.
- Retain candidates' work securely between assessment sessions (if more than one).
- Post-completion, retain candidates' work securely **until the closing date for enquiries about results**. In the event that an enquiry is submitted, retain candidates' work securely until the outcome of the enquiry and any subsequent appeal has been conveyed to the centre.

- Ask the special educational needs coordinator (SENCo) for any assistance required for the administration and management of access arrangements.

### **Examinations office staff**

- Where confidential materials are directly received by the examinations office, to be responsible for receipt, safe storage and safe transmission, whether in CD or hard copy format.
- Download and distribute marksheets for teaching staff to use.
- **In exceptional circumstances** where controlled assessments cannot be conducted in the classroom, arrange suitable accommodation where controlled assessments can be carried out at the direction of the senior leadership team.

### **Special educational needs coordinator/additional learning support**

- Ensure access arrangements have been applied for.
- Work with teaching staff to ensure requirements for support staff are met.

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