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Examination Escalation Process

2025 - 2026



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1	Summary	This policy details the Exam escalation policy for Ethos College.			
2	Responsible person	Head of Centre /SLT			
3	Accountable ELT member	Mel Kilner			
4	Applies to	Ethos College			
5	Trustees and/or individuals who have overseen development of this policy	N/A			
6	Headteachers/Service Heads who were consulted and have given approval (if applicable)	Mel Kilner			
8	Ratifying committee(s) and date of final approval	Head Teacher			
9	Version Number	1.2			
10	Available on	Every	Y	Trust Website Academy Website Staff Portal	N N N
11	Related documents (if applicable)				
12	Disseminated to	Entire College			
13	Date of implementation (when shared)				
14	Date of next formal review	November 2026			
15	Consulted with Recognised Trade Unions	N/A			

Date	Version	Action	Summary of changes
20/09/2023	1.0	New Policy	
17/10/2024	1.1	No Changes	
04/11/2025	1.2	Change to personnel	Accountable person and Headteacher name changed to Mel Kilner

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1.Before examinations (Entries and Pre-exams)

In the event of the absence of the head of centre or the member of senior leadership with oversight of examination administration, responsibility for implementing JCQ regulations and requirements relating to entries and exam preparation will be escalated to the Senior Leadership Team.

To support understanding of the regulations and requirements, sections of relevant JCQ publications will be specifically referenced including:

- General Regulations for Approved Centres (section 5)
- Instructions for conducting examinations (sections 1-15)
- Access Arrangements and Reasonable Adjustments (sections 6-8)

1.1 Main duties and responsibilities relate to:

- Access arrangements and reasonable adjustments
- Entries

Additional JCQ publications for reference:

- Key dates
- Guidance Notes for Transferred Candidates
- Alternative Site guidance notes
- Guidance notes for overnight supervision of candidates with a timetable variation
- Centre assessed work

Additional JCQ publication for reference:

- Guidance Notes – Centre Consortium Arrangements
- Candidate information

Additional JCQ publications for reference:

- Information for candidate's documents
- Exam Room Posters

2. During examinations (Exam time)

In the event of the absence of the head of centre or the member of senior leadership with oversight of examination administration, responsibility for implementing JCQ regulations and requirements relating to during exam time will be escalated to the Senior Leadership Team.

To support understanding of the regulations and requirements, sections of relevant JCQ publications will be specifically referenced including:

- General Regulations for Approved Centres (sections 3, 5)
- Instructions for conducting examinations (sections 16-31)
- Access Arrangements and Reasonable Adjustments (section 8)
- A guide to the special consideration process (sections 2-7)

2.1 Main duties and responsibilities relate to:

- Conducting examinations and assessments

Additional JCQ publication for reference:

- Guidance Notes – Very Late Arrival
- Malpractice
- Retention of candidates' work

3. After examinations (Results and Post-Results)

In the event of the absence of the head of centre or the member of senior leadership with oversight of examination administration, responsibility for implementing JCQ regulations and requirements relating to after examinations will be escalated to the Senior Leadership Team.

To support understanding of the regulations and requirements, sections of relevant JCQ publications will be specifically referenced including:

- General Regulations for Approved Centres (section 5)

3.1 Main duties and responsibilities relate to:

- Results Additional JCQ publication for reference:
- Release of Results notice
- Post-results services and appeals

Additional JCQ publications for reference:

- Post-Results Services (Information and guidance to centres)
- JCQ Appeals Booklet (A guide to the awarding bodies' appeals processes)
- Certificates