




Food and Drink Policy (Exams)

Policy/Procedure creator: Mrs E Duell

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Key staff involved in the policy

Role	Name
Exams officer	Mrs E Duell
Senior leader(s)	Mr D McCormack - Deputy Headteacher; Mrs C Corbin Assistant Headteacher
Head of centre	Mr G McClarey
Other staff members (if applicable)	Invigilators (various)

This policy is reviewed and updated annually to ensure that food and drink in the examination room at Blessed Edward Oldcome Catholic College is managed in accordance with current requirements and regulations.

References in this policy to ICE refer to the JCQ publication **Instructions for conducting examinations**.

Purpose of the policy

This policy confirms that Blessed Edward Oldcome Catholic College reserves the right to exercise discretion whether to allow food and drink in the examination room, and confirms:

- the correct procedures are followed regarding food and drink in the examination room
- appropriate arrangements are in place for the management of food and drink in the examination room

1. Food and drink in the examination room

- Food is only permitted in the examination room at the discretion of the Head of Centre. Students wishing to bring food into the examination room must seek permission from the Examination Officer in advance.
- Any food and drink brought into the examination room whether by the candidate or the centre must be free from packaging and all labels are removed from drink containers (ICE 18.2)

The following arrangements are applied at Blessed Edward Oldcome Catholic College:

- Food and drink is allowed in the examination room only where food is free from packaging and all labels are removed from drink containers

Additional centre-specific arrangements:

- Requests will only usually be granted on the basis of medical requirements or on examination clash days.
- Only food that can be consumed without disturbing other students will be permitted.

2. Roles and Responsibilities

The role of the exams office/officer

- Through briefings, ensure candidates are aware of the regulations, and centre-specific arrangements, relating to food and drink in the examination room
- Ensure invigilators are trained and aware of the regulations/centre-specific arrangements relating to food and drink in the examination room
- Escalate any issue or breach of centre-specific arrangements to the relevant senior leader for the application of internal sanction(s)
- Escalate any breach of JCQ regulations immediately to the head of centre (a breach of the regulations constitutes suspected or actual malpractice)

Additional responsibilities:

not applicable

The role of the invigilator

- Be vigilant in the examination room and remain aware of incidents or emerging situations, looking out for malpractice (ICE 20.2)
- Record what has happened and actions taken on the exam room incident log in relation to any breach of regulations/centre-specific arrangements regarding food and drink in the examination room

Additional responsibilities:

not applicable

The role of the head of centre

- Report to the awarding body immediately all cases of suspected or actual malpractice in connection with the examination (ICE 24.3)

Additional responsibilities:

not applicable