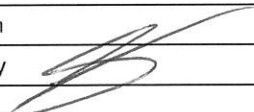




Candidate Identification Procedure

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Centre Name	Blessed Edward Oldcome Catholic College
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Key staff involved in the procedure

Role	Name
Exams officer	Mrs K Hickman
Senior leader(s)	Mrs S Thomas (Deputy Headteacher); Mr P Edmunds (Assistant Headteacher); Mrs C Corbin (Assistant Headteacher)
Head of centre	Mr G McClarey
Other staff (if applicable)	Not Applicable.

This procedure is reviewed and updated annually to ensure that procedures to verify the identity of all candidates that are entered for examinations or assessments at Blessed Edward Oldcome Catholic College are managed in accordance with current requirements and regulations.

References in this procedure to GR and ICE refer to the JCQ publications **General Regulations for Approved Centres** and **Instructions for conducting examinations**.

Purpose of the procedure

The purpose of this procedure is to confirm that Blessed Edward Oldcome Catholic College:

- verifies the identity of all students that it enters for examinations or assessments (GR 5.6)
- has processes in place to be satisfied that that all candidate identities have been checked (GR 5.6)
- has written procedures in place to verify the identity of all candidates at the time of the examination or assessment (GR 5.9)

1. Process to check candidate identity

Internal candidates

The identity of students on roll at Blessed Edward Oldcome Catholic College is checked as part of the initial registration process. (GR 5.6)

The process is:

- Students identity is checked as part of the Worcestershire County Council school admissions process.
- UPN & ULN are held on file.

Private candidates

The identity of students (private candidates), not on roll at a centre but who may be accepted to take examinations, must be checked by a verification process which involves photo-ID. (GR 5.6)

At Blessed Edward Oldcome Catholic College:

Our policy is not to accept private candidates.

2. Procedures to verify candidate identity at the time of the examination/assessment

Invigilators are able to establish the identity of all candidates sitting examinations by following the arrangements in place to carry out adequate checks. (ICE 16.1)

The arrangements at Blessed Edward Oldcome Catholic College are:

- The use of desk cards/labels with candidate's name and number.
- Candidates are seated in same seat for every exam, recorded on seating plan by exam number.
- A folder containing internal candidate photographs is located in the main exams hall and the access arrangement rooms.
- A nominated senior leader (approved by the Head of Centre, who has not taught the subject being examined) will be present at the start of the examination to assist with the identification of candidates

The following measures are also in place:

- A private/external candidate or a transferred candidate who is not known to the centre will be asked to show photographic documentary evidence to prove that they are the same person who entered/registered for the examination/assessment, e.g. passport or photographic driving licence (ICE 16.2)

- Where it is impossible to identify a candidate due to the wearing of religious clothing, such as a veil, the candidate will be approached by a member of staff of the same gender and taken to a private room where they will be politely asked to remove the religious clothing for identification purposes (ICE 16.3)
- Invigilators will be informed of those candidates with access arrangements and made aware of the access arrangement(s) awarded (ICE 16.4)

3. Roles and Responsibilities

The role of the exams office/officer

- Through training, ensure invigilators are aware of the procedures for verifying the identity of all candidates at the time of the examination or assessment (ICE 16.1)
- Prior to the examination, inform a private/external candidate or a transferred candidate who is not known to the centre that they must show photographic documentary evidence to prove that they are the same person who entered/registered for the examination/assessment, e.g. passport or photographic driving licence. (ICE 16.2)
- Inform candidates prior to their first examination that where it is impossible to identify a candidate due to the wearing of religious clothing, such as a veil, the candidate will be approached by a member of staff of the same gender and taken to a private room where they will be politely asked to remove the religious clothing for identification purposes and that once identification has been established, the candidate should replace, for example, their veil and proceed as normal to sit the examination (ICE 16.3)
- Prior to the beginning of the examination, brief invigilators on those candidates with access arrangements and make them aware of the access arrangement(s) awarded (ICE 16.4)

Additional responsibilities:

Not Applicable.

CHANGES 2022/2023

No changes applicable

CENTRE-SPECIFIC CHANGES

Not Applicable.