



Food and Drink Policy (Exams)

Oldbury Academy

Food and Drink Policy (Exams)

Centre Name	Oldbury Academy
Centre Number	20657
Date policy first created	12/12/2023
Current policy approved by	Deputy Head Teacher (Outcomes)
Current policy reviewed by	Data and IT Manager - D Long
Date of next review	01/10/2024

Key staff involved in the policy

Role	Name
Head of Centre	Head Teacher
Senior leader(s)	S Cresswell D Long
Exams officer	A Foster
Other staff (if applicable)	

This policy is reviewed and updated annually to ensure that food and drink in the examination room at Oldbury Academy 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 Oldbury Academy 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 and drink is allowed in the examination room at the discretion of the head of centre (ICE 18.2)
- 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)
- To enable invigilators to check these items quickly and efficiently:
 - food brought into the examination room by the candidate must be free of packaging and in a transparent container
 - drink bottles must be transparent with all labels removed which would include transparent, reusable plastic bottles (ICE 18.2)

The following arrangements are applied at Oldbury Academy:

Only non-carbonated drinks such as water/fruit squash are allowed, these must be in transparent bottles/containers. Food will only be allowed where an established medical need has been recorded. (This will dictate the type of food that is acceptable and it too must be in a transparent container.

When there is an exam clash and candidates are quarantined over a lunch period, food will be permitted in the quarantine area.

Additional centre-specific arrangements:

Not applicable

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:

Provide a statement if/where necessary

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:

Provide an additional, separate statement if necessary.

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.

Changes 2023/2024

No changes applicable.

Centre-specific changes

No Centre-specific updates or changes were applicable to this document.