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Key dates in the examination cycle, 2016/2017

There are key dates for the main examination series of **GCSE, GCE and Project qualifications** which are common to all of the JCQ awarding bodies.

These include dates for access arrangements, entries, submission of centre assessed marks, receipt of results and final dates for post-result services. Centre staff with teaching and administrative responsibilities will need to be aware of these dates.

Dates appear on timetables and in various awarding body and JCQ documents. However, sometimes a simple date cannot be found quickly when the need arises.

The 'need to know' dates for the academic year 2016/2017 are listed on **pages 2-4**.

Key dates in the examination cycle 2016/17

Autumn Term 2016/17

Key date	Description	Qualification	Examination Series	Category
01/09/2016	Final date for awarding bodies to make basedata available	GCSE	November 2016	Entries
10/09/2016	Date by which centres should receive priority copies of scripts for enquiry purposes – Access to Scripts Service	GCE	June 2016	Post-Result Services
20/09/2016	Final date for requesting modified papers	GCSE	November 2016	Access Arrangements
20/09/2016	Final date to apply for late subject awards	GCSE† GCE‡	June 2016	Post-Result Services
20/09/2016	Final date for Enquiries about Results or other results enquiries (e.g. Missing and Incomplete Results)	GCSE GCE Projects	June 2016	Post-Result Services
21/09/2016	Earliest date for return of examination scripts to centres to support teaching and learning – Access to Scripts Service	GCSE GCE	June 2016	Post-Result Services
01/10/2016	Final date to submit Form JCQ/CCA – Centre consortium arrangements for centre assessed work	GCSE	November 2016	Centre assessment
04/10/2016	Final date for requesting return of examination scripts to support teaching and learning – Access to Scripts Service	GCSE GCE	June 2016	Post-Result Services
04/10/2016	Final date for entries	GCSE	November 2016	Entries
04/10/2016	Final date to process applications for access arrangements using Access arrangements online (AAO)	GCSE	November 2016	Access Arrangements
04/10/2016	Final date for requesting transferred candidate arrangements	GCSE	November 2016	Exam Preparation
10/10/2016	Final date for estimated entries	GCSE GCE	June 2017	Entries
21/10/2016	Final date for transferring credit (GCE AS awards) between awarding bodies	GCE	June 2017	Entries
31/10/2016	On-line issue of provisional timetable (available on awarding body websites)	GCSE	November 2017	Exam Preparation
01/11/2016	Date of first examination on common timetable	GCSE	November 2016	Exam Time
01/11/2016	First date for submitting special consideration requests to awarding bodies	GCSE	November 2016	Exam Time
05/11/2016	Final date for submission of centre assessed marks	GCSE	November 2016	Centre assessment
07/11/2016	Date by which certificates will be issued	GCSE GCE	June 2016	Results and certification
10/11/2016	Date of final examination on common timetable	GCSE	November 2016	Exam Time
14/11/2016	Date by which centres should receive examination scripts to support teaching and learning – Access to Scripts Service	GCSE GCE	June 2016	Post-Result Services
14/11/2016	Final date for awarding bodies to make basedata available	GCSE GCE Projects	June 2017	Entries
17/11/2016	Final date for submitting special consideration requests to awarding bodies	GCSE	November 2016	Exam Time
21/11/2016	Earliest date for confidential disposal of unwanted scripts by centres	GCSE GCE	June 2016	Post-Result Services

†Only applies to unitised GCSE qualifications in Wales and Northern Ireland

‡Only applies to unitised GCE AS and A-level qualifications

Spring Term 2016/17

Key date	Description	Qualification	Examination Series	Category
11/01/2017	Restricted release of results to centres only	GCSE	November 2016	Results
12/01/2017	Release of results to candidates	GCSE	November 2016	Results
15/01/2017	Final date for requesting Irish or Welsh Medium Papers (where provision is available)	GCSE GCE	June 2017	Exam Preparation
31/01/2017	Final date for requesting modified papers	GCSE GCE	June 2017	Access Arrangements
31/01/2017	Final date to submit Form JCQ/CCA – Centre consortium arrangements for centre assessed work	GCSE GCE	June 2017	Centre assessment
09/02/2017	Final date for Enquiries about Results or other results enquiries (e.g. Missing and Incomplete Results)	GCSE	November 2016	Post-Result Services
10/02/2017	Earliest date for return of examination scripts to centres to support teaching and learning – Access to Scripts Service	GCSE	November 2016	Post-Result Services
21/02/2017	Final date for entries	GCSE GCE	June 2017	Entries
21/02/2017	Final date to process applications for access arrangements using Access arrangements online (AAO)	GCSE GCE	June 2017	Access Arrangements
28/02/2017	Date by which certificates will be issued	GCSE	November 2016	Results and certification
28/02/2017	Final date for requesting return of examination scripts to support teaching and learning – Access to Scripts Service	GCSE	November 2016	Post-Result Services
28/02/2017	On-line issue of final timetable (available on awarding body websites)	GCSE	November 2017	Exam Preparation
28/02/2017	On-line issue of provisional timetable (available on awarding body websites)	GCSE GCE	June 2018	Exam Preparation

Summer Term 2016/17

17/04/2017	Final date for requesting transferred candidate arrangements	GCSE GCE	June 2017	Exam Preparation
30/04/2017	Final date for submission of comments on provisional examination timetables to JCQ	GCSE GCE	June 2018	Exam Preparation
15/05/2017	Final date for submission of coursework marks (AQA, OCR, Pearson and WJEC)	GCE	June 2017	Centre assessment
15/05/2017	Date of first examination on common timetable	GCSE GCE	June 2017	Exam Time
15/05/2017	First date for submitting special consideration requests to awarding bodies	GCSE GCE	June 2017	Exam Time
28/06/2017	Date of final examination on common timetable	GCSE	June 2017	Exam Time
29/06/2017	Date of final examination on common timetable	GCE	June 2017	Exam Time
30/06/2017	On-line issue of final timetable (available on awarding body websites)	GCSE GCE	June 2018	Exam Preparation
06/07/2017	Final date for submitting special consideration requests to awarding bodies	GCSE GCE	June 2017	Exam Time
16/08/2017	Restricted release of results to centres only	GCE Extended Project	June 2017	Results
17/08/2017	Release of results to candidates	GCE Extended Project	June 2017	Results
23/08/2017	Restricted release of results to centres only	GCSE Level 1 & 2 Projects	June 2017	Results
24/08/2017	Release of results to candidates	GCSE Level 1 & 2 Projects	June 2017	Results

Notes:

1. GCSE examinations, November 2016 examination series: - centres are advised to consult awarding body administration documents as there are variations within and between awarding bodies in relation to deadlines for estimated entries.
2. Centres in Northern Ireland are advised to consult CCEA administration documents for key dates in relation to the GCSE January and March 2017 examination series.
3. Centres in Wales are advised to consult WJEC administration documents for key dates in relation to the GCSE January 2017 examination series.
4. GCSE examinations, June 2017 examination series: - centres are advised to consult awarding body administration documents as there are variations within and between awarding bodies in relation to deadlines for the submission of centre assessed marks.
5. GCE examinations, June 2017 examination series: - centres are advised to consult CCEA documentation in relation to deadlines for the submission of centre assessed marks.