



LUTTERWORTH
HIGH SCHOOL

Candidate Late Entry Policy (Exams)

Academic Year 2025 -2026

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Centre Name	Lutterworth High School
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Current policy reviewed by	Donna Kosack - Exams Officer / Natalie Tebbatt - Deputy Head
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Key staff involved in the policy

Role	Name
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Senior leader(s)	Amy Hunter, Natalie Tebbatt (Deputy Headteachers) Aaron Mehta, Georgia Birks (Assistant Headteacher) Caroline Creed - (Operations Manager)
Exams officer	Donna Kosack
Other staff (if applicable)	

This policy is reviewed and updated annually to ensure that candidates who arrive late to examinations at Lutterworth High School are managed in accordance with current requirements and regulations.

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

Purpose of the policy

The purpose of this policy is to confirm the arrangements for candidates who arrive late for an examination at Lutterworth High School.

A candidate will be considered late if they arrive:

- after the start of the examination and (for an examination which lasts an hour or more) up to 10.00am for a morning examination or up to 2.30pm for an afternoon examination

A candidate will be considered very late if they arrive:

- more than one hour after the awarding body's published starting time for an examination which lasts one hour or more, i.e. after 10.00am for a morning examination or after 2.30pm for an afternoon examination
- after the awarding body's published finishing time for an examination that lasts less than one hour

This policy confirms that Lutterworth High School reserves the right to exercise discretion whether to allow a candidate who arrives after the start of the examination to enter the examination room and sit the examination, and confirms:

- the correct procedures are followed when dealing with a candidate who arrives late to an examination
- appropriate arrangements are in place for the management of late arrivals in order to maintain the security and integrity of the examination

Candidates who arrive late

The following procedures are applied at Lutterworth High School in relation to candidates who arrive late to examinations:

- A candidate who arrives after the start of the examination may be allowed to enter the examination room and sit the examination
- A candidate who arrives late, and is permitted to sit the examination, will be allowed the full time for the examination

A candidate who arrives within one hour of the awarding body's published starting time for an examination which lasts an hour or more, i.e. a candidate arriving up to 10.00am for a morning examination or up to 2.30pm for an afternoon examination **will** be permitted by the centre to sit the examination

- A candidate who arrives after 10.00am for a morning examination will be considered very late and **will** be permitted by the centre to sit the examination
- A candidate who arrives after 2.30pm for an afternoon examination will be considered very late and **will** be permitted by the centre to sit the examination
- A candidate who arrives after the awarding body's published finishing time for an examination that lasts less than one hour will be considered very late and **will** be permitted by the centre to sit the examination

- A candidate who arrives very late will be warned that the awarding body may not accept their script
- A candidate who arrives in the afternoon for a paper that had been re-arranged for a morning session, may be allowed to take the paper at the published time as long as the candidate has not had any contact with candidates who sat the paper earlier. The awarding body will be informed of the situation and will decide whether or not to accept the script
- In all cases the centre will submit a declaration for the very late arrival of a candidate for examinations, in accordance with the current JCQ publication **Instructions for conducting examinations**

Other centre specific procedures:

- As soon as a candidate is seen to be absent from the attendance register, Lutterworth High School will contact the candidate/candidates parent/carer to ascertain a reason for the absence. If necessary the school will require medical evidence should the candidate not be able to attend the exam.
- Every candidate is made aware, via assemblies and the examination handbook, of the procedure - they must advise the school if they are going to arrive late, ready for the school to put actions in place ready.
- Any very late arrivals will be reported to the examination boards in accordance with JCQ's regulations.
- Candidates are advised that should they arrive late, they will complete the exam and a late arrival form will be completed and submitted to the awarding body. Candidates are warned that the awarding body may not accept their Script.

Roles and Responsibilities

The role of the exams office/officer

- Inform invigilators of the policy/process for dealing with candidates who arrive late/very late through training
- Provide an exam room incident log for invigilators to record relevant information relating to candidates who arrive late/very late
- Warn a candidate who arrives very late that the awarding body may not accept their script
- Send the script of a candidate who arrives late/very late to the awarding body/examiner in the normal way

Submit on-line, using the Centre Admin Portal (CAP), Form JCQ/VLA - **Report on candidate admitted very late to examination room** within seven days of the date of the paper concerned, providing the following details:

- the reason the candidate arrived late, including any details of special arrangements made for the candidate
- to reach the centre the actual starting and finishing times of the examination the time the candidate started
- the examination the time the candidate finished the examination
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The role of invigilators

- Ensure candidates who arrive late/very late are given the required instructions prior to starting the examination (the invigilator's announcement) without disturbing other candidates
- Ensure relevant information is recorded on the exam room incident log relating to candidates who arrive late/very late
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Allow a candidate who arrived late/very late, and is allowed the full working time to do the examination, to continue after the normal finishing time, instructing them to stop working after the full working time allowed has passed