

**General Certificate of Secondary Education examinations  
GCSE in Vocational Subjects examinations**

**Summer 2009 Timetable**

**Provisional Version**

**Notes:**

**1. Conduct of Examinations**

- **STARTING TIMES OF EXAMINATIONS:** Each examination must be taken on the day and at the time shown on the timetable. The published starting time of all examinations is either 9.00 a.m. or 1.30 p.m. Candidates with more than one examination in a session should take these consecutively. A supervised break may be given between consecutive examinations at the discretion of the centre.
- Centres may start examinations earlier than, or later than, the published starting time for the session without prior permission from Edexcel. However, in order to maintain the security of the examination all candidates must start examinations scheduled for a morning session no earlier than 8.30 a.m. and by 9.30 a.m. and for an afternoon session no earlier than 1.00 p.m. and by 2.00 p.m., except where arrangements have been made for dealing with timetable clashes. No other departure from the timetable is permitted without the prior written approval of Edexcel.
- Candidates who take an examination earlier than the published starting time shown on the timetable must remain under supervision until one hour after the published starting time for that examination.
- Candidates who take an examination later than the published starting time shown on the timetable must remain under supervision from 30 minutes after the published starting time for the paper concerned until the time when those candidates begin their examination.
- When a change is made to the published starting time for an examination it is the responsibility of the centre to inform all candidates affected by the alteration.

**2. Subject specific notes (GCSE Examinations)**

**GCSE Mathematics B (modular) Two - Tier examinations, Specification 2381**

- **Units 5381F & H:** This unit has a section A and a section B component. Section A is a calculator paper and is sat first. Calculators cannot be used for Section B.
- **Units 5382 F & H :** These are non-calculator papers
- **Unit 5383 F & H :** These are calculator papers
- **Unit 538F & H:** This unit consists of two papers of which a calculator can be used in only one

- Certain tests and assessments are not shown in the timetable; they should be arranged as follows:

**Art and Design (1027-1032 & 3027-3032)**

This paper should be given to the teacher-examiner for confidential reference as soon as it is received in the centre in order to prepare for the preparatory supporting studies.

Candidates have an eight week period, prior to the timed test, in which to produce preparatory supporting studies. At the beginning of the eight week period the teacher-examiner should distribute this paper to the candidates.

The date chosen for the 10 hour test must allow sufficient time for the work to be ready for external moderation between **5 May 2009** and **27 June 2009**. If the work is to be sent to Edexcel for moderation, it must be submitted no later than **1 June 2009**.

For Art & Design specifications the top copy of the OPTEMS must be despatched to Edexcel prior to the Moderator's visit.

**Business & Communication Systems (1504)**

Paper 1F, 2H (1h 30m) (Practical Examination): **11 May 2009 - 15 May 2009**

**Drama, 1699, Paper 2, Performance Paper**

During the period **1 March 2009 to 31 May 2009** by arrangement with the visiting examiner.

- A visiting moderator for **Physical Education, Specification 1827** and for **Short Course Physical Education, Specification 3827**, will be present for the practical examinations which should take place in the Spring or Summer term by **1 May 2009**, on the dates agreed with centres. Small centres and International examination centres will be required to provide video evidence.

- All **Modern Foreign Languages speaking tests and assessments** are to take place by **15 May 2009**.
- The advance materials for **Geography Syllabus B (1313) Papers 1F and 3H** should be given to candidates on **May 1<sup>st</sup> 2009** to allow teachers to prepare candidates over a maximum period of 21 days.

**3. Subject specific notes (Applied GCSE examinations)**

- **GCSE in Vocational Subjects Examinations: Applied Information and Communication Technology (Double Award) 2331: Unit 5331 (2h 30m)** is to be taken during the period **11 May 2009 to 15 May 2009**.

- **GCSE Applied Art and Design, Unit 5303:** the brief for this examination should be given to the teacher responsible for the subject immediately. There is no timed element for this project but a minimum of 30 hours should be allowed to include preparation, finished work and evaluation. The project can be taken at any time, but must be completed and assessed by the OPTEMS deadline of **15 May 2009** for external moderation to take place between **14 May 2009 and 5 July 2009**. The top copy of the OPTEMS must be despatched to Edexcel prior to the moderator's visit.

**4. Key Dates: Coursework and Examination Results**

- The closing date for receipt of **GCSE coursework marks** is **2 May 2009**.
- The date for publication of provisional results for GCSE examinations in Summer 2009 is **Thursday 27 August 2008**.

