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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 for 30 minutes after the published starting time for that paper, and until the candidates have begun the 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 Mathematics B (Modular) Two - Tier examinations, specification 2381

- **Unit 5381:** 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.
- **Unit 5382:** This unit has two stages; Stage 1 and Stage 2. Stage 1 is a non-calculator paper and may be taken in the same examination session, or in a different session, to Stage 2, which is a calculator paper.

GCSE Mathematics B (Modular) Specification 2544

- This specification is available to students in November 2008 as a *final re-sit opportunity*. This specification will be withdrawn after the June 2008 examination series.

GCSE Science and Additional Science

- The 360 Science units may be taken at any time between 9.00 a.m. and 1.00 p.m. on the designated day of the unit tests.

3. Coursework and Examination Results

- The closing date for receipt of GCSE coursework marks is **5 November 2008**.
- The date for the publication of the provisional results for the November 2008 GCSE examinations is **Thursday 15 January 2009**.