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This policy is reviewed and updated annually to ensure that records are archived/retained in accordance with current requirements.

References in this policy to GR, ICE, SC and PRS refer to the JCQ documents **General Regulations for Approved Centres**, **Instructions for conducting examinations**, **A guide to the special consideration process** and **Post-Results Services**.

Purpose of the policy

The purpose of this policy is to:

- identify exams-related information/records held by the exams office
- identify the retention period
- determine the action required at the end of the retention period and the method of disposal
- inform or supplement the centre-wide records management policy/data retention policy

Where a particular record or information type is not held in, or not applicable to Wrekin College, this is indicated.

1. Access arrangements information

Record(s) description

All Any hard copy information is kept by Darran Tunnah in his Office relating to an access arrangement candidate.

Heads of Department Hold all NEA and other work related to it securely in Departments.

All Candidate supporting material for exams is retained in the exam office this is to include

French Oral Files/Documentation

Exam notes (Btec Sport/Business

IT Department

Hold backup copies securely of all NEA file uploads

Language Orals

Btec Exam Material

GCSE Drama exam

Retention information/period

All files/data/work is retained securely until the exam certificates are issue.

Records returned to SENCo as records owner at end of the candidate's final exam series.

Action at the end of retention period (method of disposal)

Candidates work is then either returned to the candidates or securely destroyed.

All digital files are destroyed by the IT department.

2. Alternative site arrangements

Record(s) description

Any hard copy information generated on an alternative site arrangement. Notifications submitted online via CAP.

Retention information/period

Where specific retention information is not provided by JCQ or other authorised organisation Wrekin College will retain at the very least until after the deadline for reviews of results or other results enquiries or the resolution of any outstanding reviews/appeals or malpractice investigations for the relevant exams series.

Action at the end of retention period (method of disposal)

All physical material is securely shredded and all digital files are deleted from Wrekin's computer system

3. Attendance register copies

Record(s) description

Exam Seating Plans

Registers

Incident Logs

Retention information/period

All Exam Material including, Registers, Incident Logs, Seating Plans are held until certificates for that Exam series have been issued.

Action at the end of retention period (method of disposal)

All are securely Disposed of by shredding and digital files are deleted.

4. Awarding body exams administration information

Record(s) description

Any hard copy publications provided by awarding bodies.

Retention information/period

Records retained until the current academic year update is provided.

Action at the end of retention period (method of disposal)

All physical material is securely shredded and all digital files are deleted from Wrekin's computer system

5. Candidates' scripts

Record(s) description

Candidate Scripts are the property of the candidate so would be passed to them in the first instance if not they will be destroyed securely.

Retention information/period

To be retained securely until the awarding body's earliest date for confidential disposal of unwanted scripts in accordance with the requirements of GR, section 3.15 (... ensure that when scripts that have been returned under access to scripts arrangements are no longer required, they are disposed of in a confidential manner, but no earlier than the dates specified by the awarding bodies...)

Action at the end of retention period (method of disposal)

Confidential disposal

6. Candidates' work

Record(s) description

Non-examination assessment work returned to the centre by the awarding body at the end of the moderation period.

Retention information/period

Records logged on return to the centre and immediately returned to subject staff as records owner. To be stored safely and securely along with work that did not form part of the moderation sample (including materials stored electronically) in accordance with the requirements of GR, section 3.15 (...store safely and securely all non-examination assessments, including controlled assessments, coursework or portfolios, retained in, or returned to, the centre until the deadline for a review of moderation has passed or until a review of moderation, an appeal or a malpractice investigation has been completed, whichever is later. This includes materials stored electronically...).

Action at the end of retention period (method of disposal)

All physical material is securely shredded and all digital files are deleted from Wrekin's computer system

7. Centre consortium arrangements for centre assessed work

Record(s) description

Any hard copy information generated or relating to consortium arrangements for centre assessed work. Applications submitted online via CAP. Add Not applicable if this record type is not applicable to the centre.

Retention information/period

Where specific retention information is not provided by JCQ or other authorised organisation Wrekin College will retain at the very least until after the deadline for reviews of results or other results enquiries or the

resolution of any outstanding reviews/appeals or malpractice investigations for the relevant exams series.

Action at the end of retention period (method of disposal)

All physical material is securely shredded and all digital files are deleted from Wrekin's computer system

8. Certificates

Record(s) description

Candidate certificates issued by awarding bodies.

Retention information/period

Records retained in accordance with the requirements of GR, section 5.14 (...retain all unclaimed certificates under secure conditions for a minimum of 12 months from the date of issue...).

Action at the end of retention period (method of disposal)

9. Certificate destruction information

Record(s) description

A record of unclaimed certificates that have been destroyed.

Retention information/period

Records retained in accordance with the requirements of GR, section 5.14 (... destroy any unclaimed certificates after retaining them for a minimum of 12 months. They must be destroyed in a confidential manner. Centres that do not have a means of destroying certificates confidentially may return them to the respective awarding body. A record of certificates that have been destroyed should be retained for four years from their date of destruction. However, candidates should be informed that some awarding bodies do not offer a replacement certificate service. In such circumstances the awarding body will issue a Certifying Statement of Results... (Where an awarding body issues a replacement certificate, or a Certifying Statement of Results, this will provide an accurate and complete record of results for all qualifications covered by the original certificate... return any certificates requested by the awarding bodies. Certificates always remain the property of the awarding bodies.).

Action at the end of retention period (method of disposal)

All physical material is securely shredded and all digital files are deleted from Wrekin's computer system

10. Certificate issue information

Record(s) description

A record of certificates that have been issued.

Retention information/period

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Action at the end of retention period (method of disposal)

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11. Confidential materials: initial point of delivery logs

Record(s) description

Logs recording awarding body confidential exam materials received by an authorised member of staff at the initial point of delivery.

Retention information/period

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Action at the end of retention period (method of disposal)

All physical material is securely shredded and all digital files are deleted from Wrekin's computer system

12. Confidential materials: receipt, secure movement, checking and secure storage logs**Record(s) description**

Logs recording the secure movement of awarding body confidential exam materials packages by an authorised member of staff to the secure room for transferal to the centre's secure storage facility.

Retention information/period

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Action at the end of retention period (method of disposal)

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13. Conflicts of interest records**Record(s) description**

Records demonstrating the management of conflicts of interest

Retention information/period

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Action at the end of retention period (method of disposal)

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14. Dispatch logs**Record(s) description**

Proof of dispatch of exam script packages to awarding body examiners covered by the DfE (Standards & Testing Agency) yellow label service (England only).

Retention information/period

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Action at the end of retention period (method of disposal)

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15. Entry information**Record(s) description**

Any hard copy information relating to candidates' entries.

Retention information/period

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Action at the end of retention period (method of disposal)

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16. Exam question papers**Record(s) description**

Question papers for timetabled written exams.

Retention information/period

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Action at the end of retention period (method of disposal)

Issued to subject staff

17. Exam room checklists**Record(s) description**

Checklists confirming exam room conditions and invigilation arrangements for each exam session.

Retention information/period

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Action at the end of retention period (method of disposal)

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18. Exam room incident logs**Record(s) description**

Logs recording any incidents or irregularities in exam rooms for each exam session.

Retention information/period**Action at the end of retention period (method of disposal)**

All physical material is securely shredded and all digital files are deleted from Wrekin's computer system

19. Exam stationery**Record(s) description**

All Exam Stationery issued by exam boards is stored in the secure room and used solely for the purpose of external examination.

Retention information/period

All Exam Stationery is stored in the Secure room - it is destroyed only when it is not the most recent version and should no longer be used

Action at the end of retention period (method of disposal)

All physical material is securely shredded and all digital files are deleted from Wrekin's computer system

20. Examiner reports**Record(s) description**

All reports issued from the examination board

Retention information/period

Where/if provided by awarding body) the Records immediately provided to head of department as recorded as the owner. And a copy is passed to Mr Ben Smith

Action at the end of retention period (method of disposal)

All physical material is securely shredded and all digital files are deleted from Wrekin's computer system

21. Finance information**Record(s) description**

Exam Invoices

Retention information/period

Records returned to Finance department as records owner at the end of the academic year and they will store and securely destroy according to policy

Action at the end of retention period (method of disposal)

All physical material is securely shredded and all digital files are deleted from Wrekin's computer system

22. Handling secure electronic materials logs**Record(s) description**

Logs recording the arrangements applied when handling secure electronic materials provided to the centre and accessed by the exams officer

Retention information/period

Where specific retention information is not provided by JCQ or other authorised organisation, then exams-related information that is held in the centre is retained at the very least until after the deadline for reviews of results or other results enquiries (or the resolution of any outstanding reviews/appeals or malpractice investigations) for the relevant exams series).

Action at the end of retention period (method of disposal)

All physical material is securely shredded and all digital files are deleted from Wrekin's computer system

23. Invigilation arrangements**Record(s) description**

Checklists confirming exam room conditions and invigilation arrangements for each exam session.

Retention information/period

Where specific retention information is not provided by JCQ or other authorised organisation Wrekin College will retain at the very least until after the deadline for reviews of results or other results enquiries or the resolution of any outstanding reviews/appeals or malpractice investigations for the relevant exams series.

Action at the end of retention period (method of disposal)

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24. Invigilator and facilitator training records

Record(s) description

A file will all certificates and training record.

Retention information/period

Records Destroyed after the last day for review of results

Action at the end of retention period (method of disposal)

All physical material is securely shredded and all digital files are deleted from Wrekin's computer system

25. Moderator reports

Record(s) description

Moderator reports for GCSE, ALevel and Btec

Retention information/period

(Where printed from electronic copy) Records immediately provided to head of department as records owner.

Action at the end of retention period (method of disposal)

All physical material is securely shredded and all digital files are deleted from Wrekin's computer system

26. Moderation return logs

Record(s) description

Logs recording the return of candidates' work to the centre by the awarding body at the end of the moderation period.

Retention information/period

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Action at the end of retention period (method of disposal)

All physical material is securely shredded and all digital files are deleted from Wrekin's computer system

27. Overnight supervision information

Record(s) description

The JCQ Overnight Supervision form is completed online using CAP. The JCQ Overnight Supervision Declaration form is downloaded from CAP for signing by the candidate, the supervisor and the head of centre.

Retention information/period

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Action at the end of retention period (method of disposal)

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28. Post-results services: confirmation of candidate consent information

Record(s) description

Hard copy or email record of required candidate consent.

Retention information/period

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Action at the end of retention period (method of disposal)

All physical material is securely shredded and all digital files are deleted from Wrekin's computer system

29. Post-results services: request/outcome information**Record(s) description**

Any hard copy information relating to a post-results service request (RoRs, appeals, ATS) submitted to an awarding body for a candidate and outcome information from the awarding body.

Retention information/period

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Action at the end of retention period (method of disposal)

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30. Post-results services: tracking logs**Record(s) description**

Logs tracking to resolution all post-results service requests submitted to awarding bodies.

Retention information/period

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Action at the end of retention period (method of disposal)

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31. Private candidate information**Record(s) description**

Any hard copy information relating to private candidates' entries.

Retention information/period**Action at the end of retention period (method of disposal)**

All physical material is securely shredded and all digital files are deleted from Wrekin's computer system

32. Proof of postage - candidates' work**Record(s) description**

Proof of postage/dispatch of candidates' scripts to awarding body examiners/markers. Proof of postage/dispatch of sample of candidates' work submitted to awarding body moderators.

Retention information/period

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Action at the end of retention period (method of disposal)

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33. Resilience arrangements: Evidence of candidate performance**Record(s) description****Retention information/period****Action at the end of retention period (method of disposal)****34. Resolving timetable clashes****Record(s) description**

Any hard copy information relating to the resolution of a candidate's clash of timetabled exam papers.

Retention information/period

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Action at the end of retention period (method of disposal)

All physical material is securely shredded and all digital files are deleted from Wrekin's computer system

35. Results information**Record(s) description**

Broadsheets of public examination results summarising candidate final grades by subject by exam series.

Retention information/period**Action at the end of retention period (method of disposal)**

All physical material is securely shredded and all digital files are deleted from Wrekin's computer system

36. Seating plans**Record(s) description**

Plans showing the seating arrangements of all candidates for every exam taken.

Retention information/period

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Action at the end of retention period (method of disposal)

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37. Second pair of eyes check records/forms**Record(s) description**

Records of the check that must take place by a second person (additional to the person removing question paper packets from secure storage) immediately before a question paper packet is opened.

Retention information/period

Where specific retention information is not provided by JCQ or other authorised organisation Wrekin College will retain at the very least until after the deadline for reviews of results or other results enquiries or the resolution of any outstanding reviews/appeals or malpractice investigations for the relevant exams series.

Action at the end of retention period (method of disposal)

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38. Special consideration information

Record(s) description

Any hard copy information relating to a special consideration application which has been submitted to an awarding body for a candidate and appropriate evidence signed by a senior leader.

Retention information/period

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Action at the end of retention period (method of disposal)

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39. Suspected malpractice reports/outcomes

Record(s) description

Any hard copy information relating to a suspected or actual malpractice investigation/report submitted to an awarding body and outcome information from the awarding body.

Retention information/period

Where specific retention information is not provided by JCQ or other authorised organisation Wrekin College will retain at the very least until after the deadline for reviews of results or other results enquiries or the resolution of any outstanding reviews/appeals or malpractice investigations for the relevant exams series.

Action at the end of retention period (method of disposal)

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40. Transferred candidate arrangements

Record(s) description

Any hard copy information relating to a transferred candidate arrangement. Applications submitted online via CAP.

Retention information/period

Where specific retention information is not provided by JCQ or other authorised organisation Wrekin College will retain at the very least until after the deadline for reviews of results or other results enquiries or the resolution of any outstanding reviews/appeals or malpractice investigations for the relevant exams series.

Action at the end of retention period (method of disposal)

All physical material is securely shredded and all digital files are deleted from Wrekin's computer system

41. Very late arrival reports/outcomes

Record(s) description

Any hard copy information relating to a candidate arriving very late to an exam. Reports submitted online via CAP.

Retention information/period

Where specific retention information is not provided by JCQ or other authorised organisation Wrekin College will retain at the very least until after the deadline for reviews of results or other results enquiries or the resolution of any outstanding reviews/appeals or malpractice investigations for the relevant exams series.

Action at the end of retention period (method of disposal)

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42a. Any other records/documentation/materials**Record(s) description**

Add any other records/documents/materials of a confidential exam related matter

Retention information/period

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Action at the end of retention period (method of disposal)

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42b. Any other records/documentation/materials**Record(s) description**

Add any other records/documents/materials of a confidential exam related matter

Retention information/period

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Action at the end of retention period (method of disposal)

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Changes 2025/2026

(Added) Record type - **25. Malpractice reports and outcomes** (Updated 27/07/2025 to remove this record type as it is a duplication of record type 39)

(Changed) Slight wording changes made in JCQ reference prompts to reflect wording changes in relevant JCQ documents

Centre-specific changes

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