

External Candidate Information

Here at Connell Sixth Form College we have an excellent reputation for academic success and an outstanding record of student support. We are committed to ensuring that you receive the very best support with your exams. Our dedicated examinations team are here to provide the best experience through the most difficult time of your studies.

Situated just 2 miles from Manchester City Centre there are excellent public transport links to the College and if travelling by car the College has its own car park.

Our comfortable Refectory and Costa Coffee are the ideal place to relax and rejuvenate before your exams.

Most people applying to be a private candidates are friendly and polite. On very rare occasions, we encounter people (in person or on the telephone) who fall short of accepted standards. All applicants should be aware that no centre is obliged to accept private candidates and that examination boards will not intervene if a centre refuses an application. As with all other examination centres, we reserve the right to refuse any application. We are not obliged to give a reason. **Our decision to accept or decline applications is final and non-negotiable.**

Before you make your application

Please be aware, before you make your application, that we DO NOT accept exam entries that have any type of practical element, coursework or speaking element.

Before you make your application you should make sure that you have obtained the specification for the qualification(s) you are taking as not all subjects are available to external candidates. These can be acquired from the awarding body and will provide you with any information relevant to the exams you will be taking.

Identification

On application we require two forms of ID. One form of photographic ID, eg driving licence or passport and one other form of ID showing address eg bank statement or utility bill

Fees

You can pay by cash, cheque or bank transfer. All payments must be made in full after checking of application and when indicated by the Exams Officer. Cheques are made payable to *Connell Sixth Form College*.

Fees are non-returnable.

Fees are outlined below:

Level	Boards	Price	Notes
A-Level	AQA, Edexcel, OCR, WJEC (CIE please check for prices)	£75 per unit*	Written exams only (coursework must have been previously awarded and will be carried over) *(please note new reformed AS and A2 qualifications involve multiple exam units, the fee charged is per unit i.e., 2 x £75 = £150 for a full AS qualification).
GCSE	AQA, Edexcel or OCR	£100 per subject	Written exams only (coursework must have been previously awarded and will be carried over)
iGCSE/O'level	Edexcel/AQA or	£130 per subject	Written exams only
	CIE	£180 per subject - double award	

Please complete the attached application form before the deadline in full and submit along with copies of **two** forms of ID to:

Exams Department
Connell Sixth Form College
301 Alan Turing Way
Manchester
M11 3BS

Please be aware that if we receive an incomplete application form or incorrect fees, we will be required to return your application and will not be able to continue with the process until we receive the missing information. If we receive an application after the Application Deadline, we will be unable to enter you for your exams.

Application Deadlines

- November Series (GCSE Maths and English resits only) - **20th September (CIE deadline 15th September)**
- November Series (Resits for Maths and English) - **22nd September**
- January Series - **13th October**
- June Series - **12th February**

Please ensure that your **application form is completed** in full and **fees are paid** before this deadline. **LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

What happens next?

On receipt of a completed application form and appropriate fees, we will enter you for your exams. Shortly after entries are made we will send you a personal exam timetable, complete with dates and start times. Then it is just up to you to show up for them!

On the day of your exam

- You must arrive at least 30 minutes before the scheduled start time for your exam.

- If you are driving to the college, please park in the visitors' car park, situated on Wilson Street at the rear of the college.
- Sign in at reception and collect your visitor's badge. You will be collected from reception and taken to your exam room. Once in the exam room please abide by the following rules and regulations:
- You must bring photographic ID into the examinations room and display it on your allocated desk.
- Only a current passport, UK Driver Licence or HM Forces ID card are acceptable. Failure to produce any photographic ID for the invigilator to check during the exam forfeits your exam paper. Candidates under the age of 18 and without ID should contact Mrs Howarth in the exams office.
- You must not take into the examinations room any unauthorised materials or equipment such as mobile phones, mp3 player or other electronic device.
- Please note that this list is not exhaustive and an invigilator has the authority to remove any items that may pose a risk to the integrity of the exam from your possession.
- You may bring a transparent pencil case and water in a clear bottle with all labels removed.
- **You must bring two black pens – other ink colours are not permitted.**

After your exam Results

All results are sent in electronic format. Results slips are sent as a pdf attachment to the email address you supply upon application. Results will be sent by 9am. We cannot give out results over the telephone.

Certificates

These will be posted out to you via Royal Mail 1st class once they have been received by us from the examination board.

Contact us

If you have any more questions or queries please don't hesitate to contact us either by email

jhowarth@csfc.bfet.uk

or by phone

0161 231 9200 and ask for Mrs Howarth, Examinations Officer

Private Candidates Terms and Conditions

1) Interpretation

In these terms and conditions the following expressions will have the following meaning unless inconsistent with the context:

‘College’ – Connell Sixth Form College, 301 Alan Turning Way, Manchester, M11 3BS

‘Candidate’ – An individual who enters into a contract to obtain an examination entry whose order is accepted by Connell Sixth Form College.

‘Contract’ – The application form once completed in full by the Candidate and accepted by Connell Sixth Form College will form the contract.

‘Exam’ – Any examination entry made by Connell Sixth Form College on behalf of the Candidate with the Awarding body

‘Awarding Body’ – A recognised body offering qualifications accredited by the regulatory authorities in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

‘Terms and Conditions’ – The standard terms and conditions are set out in this document together with special or additional agreed in writing between the candidate and Connell Sixth Form College.

‘JCQ’ – The Joint Council for Qualifications

‘General Qualifications’ – General Certificate of Education (GCE – A Level) or General Certificate of Secondary Education (GCSE)

2) What the College Will Do

Under the terms of this contract once the College application form is completed in full by the candidate and payment is received from the candidate, the College will make and exam entry and arrange for the candidate to take the examination at the College at the date and time set by the awarding body.

The College will enter the candidate for the exam in the season indicated on the application form subject to awarding body availability.

The College will issue the candidate with a personal examination timetable listing the exam dates and start times.

A statement of results will be emailed to the address provided on the application form. This will be sent on publication of results day.

Any certificate issued by the awarding body to the College will be sent to the candidate by 1st Class post to the address detailed on the application.

3) Communications

The College will primarily communicate to the candidate by email to the address given on the application form, except for services above.

If the candidate does not have an email address communication will be limited and by second class post.

4) Fees and Payments

The fee payable is stated on the published application form.

All fees must be received by the closing date given on the application form.

Payment should be made by cash or cheque. Cheques should be made payable to Connell Sixth Form College. Bank transfer is possible, please contact Mrs Howarth for information.

Fees are non-refundable.

5) Cancellation

The candidate may cancel this agreement at any time providing that it is done within and before the date of the examination. The College will not refund any part of the fees.

The College may cancel the contract if the candidate is unable to meet their obligations under the terms of this agreement.

6) General Conditions

The candidate is responsible for providing the College with all accurate information as requested by the awarding body and for notifying the College with any change of information.

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The candidate is responsible for complying with all the rules and regulations of the JCQ, the details of which can be found at their website: www.jcq.org.uk

The candidate is responsible for ensuring that they have read and understood the awarding body specification for their chosen subject.

The College may refuse to accept the application and fee from any candidate without reason.

The College will only provide written examinations at the School premises.

The College cannot accept an exam entry that contains coursework, controlled assessment, language orals or any form of practical that requires work to be marked internally.

The College and its facilities will not be available to the candidate.

The College will not give any teaching or tuition.

The candidate is responsible for complying with the normal standard of behaviour of a college student whilst on the premises and the College has the right to refuse the candidate entry to the premises.

7) Personal Data

The candidate agrees to the College processing personal data as defined in the Data Protection Act 1998 contained in the application form for any purpose(s) reasonable required to ensure the provision of the services. By registering for an examination the candidate is agreeing that the data provided as part of the entry process will be passed to the awarding body for the same purpose(s) The candidate must also agree and acknowledge that if they apply for an educational course where the examination result is used in the admissions process the Awarding body will provide the candidates's personal data to the institution(s) to which the candidate has applied and to UCAS.

8) Force Majeure

The College will not be liable to the candidate for any failure or delay or for the consequences of any failure in delay in performance of the Contract. If it is due to any event beyond the reasonable control and contemplation of the School including, without limitation, acts of God, extreme weather conditions, war, industrial disputes, protests, fire, tempest, explosion, act of terrorism and national emergencies.

9) This contract shall be governed by the laws of England and the parties submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Courts of England and Wales.



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