



The Astley Cooper School

Aspiration, Determination, Integrity

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Dear Parent / Carer,

Public Examinations

We have put a lot of thought in to a solution for students taking their exams, avoiding using the current buildings, which are not the best environment. In consultation with the JCQ (Joint Council for Qualifications), we have changed the location of the examinations from the gymnasium to hired marquees. These are located behind the sixth form block, an area of the school site sheltered from the noise of the building work and away from the rest of the student population. The purpose of this is to allow our students the best opportunity to take their examinations with the least amount of disruption. We have liaised with the builders and they will monitor the work they do during examination sessions.

A final reminder on the rules/ requests:

1. Be on time: the examination will start on time. It will only disadvantage your child if they are not present at the start. To ensure they are in school, we have opened our school canteen from 8:00 for breakfast and revision sessions. Please refer to your child's examination timetable for the examination start times.
2. Please remind that your child that they must not bring a smart watch/ mobile phone in to the examination area. This will result in an automatic disqualification. We will provide a secure area for their belongings.
3. Please ensure your child has the right equipment (Black pen, pencils, clear pencil cases, ruler, and calculator) for the respective examinations.
4. As a request, remind your child to go the toilet before the examination and not during. Leaving during the examination will affect not only themselves, but also people around them. Only on an emergency basis do we allow toilet breaks and the student will be accompanied by an invigilator.

If there are any questions, please email us. We are here to support you and your child during this time.

Thank you,

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