

Information for Private Candidates

We can offer Private Candidates the opportunity to sit various written A level, GCSE and IGCSE exams from all Awarding Bodies.

There are some restrictions to the subjects that can be taken. We cannot offer MFL exams with speaking tests, subjects which require coursework /non exam assessment and practical endorsements, but we may be able to offer a suggestion or alternative if the exam you want is not available.

In the first instance please contact Sam Bains, Exams Assistant on 01905 362600 ext. 640 or email exams@wsfc.ac.uk to discuss the feasibility of your examination requirements.

Examination Policy for Private Candidates

At the discretion of the Examinations Manager/Principal, the Centre accepts private candidates for qualifications from all Awarding Bodies, providing that appropriate administrative arrangements can be made to accommodate the candidate. We do not provide assessments for Access Arrangements for private candidates. If you have previously had an access arrangement, you must declare this on your initial enquiry, so we can discuss the feasibility of this.

The following is an illustration of the charges for a private candidate:

- £130.00 Administration charge per series for written exams.
- £150.00 Administration fee charged per series for language exams.
- £20.00 per separate room accommodation per series
- £16.00 invigilation costs if required.
- £20.00 'Access' arrangements administration per series.

Any other additional support to be charged as and when the situation arises after discussion with the private candidate. Each exam taken by the private candidate will also incur an entry fee. All costs must be paid by the candidate before an entry is made. Entry fees are variable and these again will be discussed upon application.

Private candidates will need in all cases to contact the Exams Office to discuss the feasibility of taking an exam at the Centre and to discuss the payment and administration of the intended entries. The Centre will provide private candidates with the timetable for their examinations and will process the exam script in the normal way on the day of the exam. All examination procedures and regulations will apply and will be displayed within the Centre.

A private candidate who does not attend an exam will not be able to recover the costs of the exam unless medical evidence is provided within the Awarding Body deadlines. The reimbursement to the candidate will only cover the actual cost of the exam. Results of examinations taken by private candidates will be dispatched to the candidate by post as soon as they are received at the Centre. If a private candidate requires the Enquiries after Results Service, this will be charged at £10.00 for an original script, £12.00 for a photocopied script and a £10.00 administration charge will be applied for each individual request received.