



Exams Archiving Policy

Holbrook Academy

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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 Holbrook Academy, this is indicated.

1. Access arrangements information

Record(s) description

Any hard copy information kept by the EO/SENDCo relating to an access arrangement candidate.

Retention information/period

To be returned to SENDCo as records owner following enquiries about result relating to the season of the candidate's final exam series. (Usually the November following their exams sat in June).

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

Refer to Retention Schedule.

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

To be retained until after the deadline for reviews of marking or until any appeal, malpractice enquiry or other results enquiry has been completed, whichever is later.

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

Confidential waste/shredding.

3. Attendance register copies

Record(s) description

Attendance register issued by the awarding body, any seating plan, incident log from each exam.

Retention information/period

Records are kept in accordance with the requirements of ICE, sections 12, 22 ...keep signed records of the seating plan, the invigilation arrangements and the centre's copies of the attendance registers for each examination. Retained until the deadline for reviews of marking has passed or until any appeal, malpractice or other results enquiry has been completed, whichever is later.

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

Confidential waste/shredding.

4. Awarding body exams administration information

Record(s) description

Any hard copy publications provided by awarding bodies.

Retention information/period

To be retained until the next academic year update is provided.

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

Normal office waste.

5. Candidates' scripts

Record(s) description

The second securely stored contingency word processed scripts - see word processor policy.
Any unwanted copies of scripts returned to the centre through the Access to Scripts (ATS) service.

Retention information/period

Word processed scripts - to be retained until after the deadline for reviews of marking or until any appeal, malpractice enquiry or other results enquiry has been completed, whichever is later.

Unwanted copy of scripts - to be retained securely until the awarding body's earliest date for confidential disposal of unwanted scripts.

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

Confidential waste/shredding.

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

To be logged on return to the centre and immediately returned to subject staff as records owner.
or

To be stored safely and securely along with work that did not form part of the moderation sample (including materials stored electronically)

To be retained until after the deadline for reviews of marking or until any appeal, malpractice enquiry or other results enquiry has been completed, whichever is later.

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

Returned to candidates or secure disposal.

7. Centre consortium arrangements for centre assessed work

Record(s) description

No centre consortium arrangements in place.

Retention information/period

Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

8. Certificates

Record(s) description

Candidate certificates issued by awarding bodies.

Retention information/period

To be retained for 3 years from the year of examination (year 11 in most cases)

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

Confidential destruction and a record kept of those destroyed.

9. Certificate destruction information

Record(s) description

A record of unclaimed certificates which have been destroyed.

Retention information/period

A record of certificates that have been destroyed should be retained for a minimum of four years from their date of destruction.

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

Confidential disposal.

10. Certificate issue information

Record(s) description

A record of certificates that have been issued.

Retention information/period

To be retained for 10 years in accordance with points above re certificates and certificate destruction

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

Confidential disposal.

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 and the secure movement of packages by an authorised member of staff to the secure room for transferal to the centre's secure storage facility.

Retention information/period

To be retained until after the deadline for reviews of marking or until any appeal, malpractice enquiry or other results enquiry has been completed, whichever is later.

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

Confidential destruction.

12. Confidential materials: receipt, secure movement and secure storage logs

Record(s) description

Logs recording confidential exam materials received (including encrypted materials received via email or downloaded from an awarding body's secure extranet site), checked and placed in the secure storage facility by the exams officer (or other authorised member of centre staff) throughout the period the materials are confidential

Retention information/period

To be retained until after the deadline for reviews of marking or until any appeal, malpractice enquiry or other results enquiry has been completed, whichever is later.

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

Confidential destruction.

13. Conflicts of interest records

Record(s) description

Hard copy records demonstrating the management of Conflicts of Interest.

Retention information/period

To be retained until after the deadline for reviews of marking or until any appeal, malpractice enquiry or other results enquiry has been completed, whichever is later.

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

Confidential destruction.

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.

Retention information/period

To be retained until after the deadline for reviews of marking or until any appeal, malpractice enquiry or other results enquiry has been completed, whichever is later.

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

Confidential destruction.

15. Entry information

Record(s) description

Any hard copy information relating to candidates' entries.

Retention information/period

To be retained until after the deadline for reviews of marking or until any appeal, malpractice enquiry or other results enquiry has been completed, whichever is later.

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

Confidential destruction

16. Exam question papers

Record(s) description

Suplus exam papers

Retention information/period

Records retained in accordance with the requirements of ICE 31 (Releasing question papers) and GR, 6.13 (...For confidentiality purposes question papers must not be released to centre personnel for use in accordance with paragraph 6.12 until after the awarding body's published finishing time for the examination or, in the case of a timetable variation, until all candidates within the centre have completed the examination. This does not restrict access to question papers by authorised centre personnel for the purpose of conducting examinations...).

Once all candidates have completed an exam paper, spare copies will be forwarded to the Head of Subject.

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

To be retained until after the deadline for reviews of marking or until any appeal, malpractice enquiry or other results enquiry has been completed, whichever is later.

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

Confidential destruction.

18. Exam room incident logs

Record(s) description

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

Retention information/period

To be retained until after the deadline for reviews of marking or until any appeal, malpractice enquiry or other results enquiry has been completed, whichever is later.

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

Confidential destruction.

19. Exam stationery

Record(s) description

Awarding body exam stationery provided solely for the purpose of external exams.

Retention information/period

Stored securely in the exam cupboard. Retain until informed by awarding body that current stock is obsolete.

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

Confidential destruction if required.

20. Examiner reports

Record(s) description

Examiner reports following an subject exam. (Need to be downloaded from awarding body website).

Retention information/period

(Where/if provided) To be immediately provided to head of department as records owner.

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

Confidential destruction.

21. Finance information

Record(s) description

Copy invoices for exams-related fees.

Retention information/period

Records returned to Finance department as records owner.

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

confidential disposal.

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

(Where used by the centre) Logs recording the arrangements applied when handling secure electronic materials provided to the centre and accessed by the exams officer (or other authorised member of centre staff).

Retention information/period

To be 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)

confidential disposal.

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

Invigilation schedule, (which invigilator in which room).

Retention information/period

To be retained until after the deadline for reviews of marking or until any appeal, malpractice enquiry or other results enquiry has been completed, whichever is later.

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

confidential disposal.

24. Invigilator and facilitator training records**Record(s) description**

Materials used to train invigilators.

Retention information/period

To be retained until after the deadline for reviews of marking or until any appeal, malpractice enquiry or other results enquiry has been completed or for the duration of employment to show on-going training.

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

confidential disposal.

25. Moderator reports**Record(s) description**

A report from the person who moderated the subject NEA to feedback on compliance with the assessment criteria & marking accuracy.

Retention information/period

(Where/if provided) To be immediately provided to head of department as records owner.

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

Confidential destruction.

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

To be retained for 1 year.

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

Confidential destruction.

27. Overnight supervision information

Record(s) description

Any hard copy information relating to overnight supervision arrangements. Reports submitted online via CAP.

Retention information/period

To be retained until after the deadline for reviews of marking or until any appeal, malpractice enquiry or other results enquiry has been completed, whichever is later.

Confidential destruction

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

Confidential destruction.

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

Record(s) description

Hard copy or email record of required candidate consent

Retention information/period

This form should be retained on the centre's files for at least six months following the outcome of the clerical re-check, review of marking or any subsequent appeal.

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

Confidential destruction.

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

Results to be updated in SIMS via a results mark sheet. Paperwork to be retained for 6 years from the year of examination (year 11 in most cases)

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

Confidential destruction.

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

To be retained for 6 years from the year of examination (year 11 in most cases)

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

Confidential destruction.

31. Private candidate information

Record(s) description

Private candidates are not applicable.

Retention information/period

Not applicable

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

Not applicable

32. Proof of postage - candidates' work

Record(s) description

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

Retention information/period

To be retained until after the deadline for reviews of marking or until any appeal, malpractice enquiry or other results enquiry has been completed, whichever is later.

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

Normal office waste.

33. Resilience arrangements: Evidence of candidate performance

Record(s) description

Evidence will be collected via students sitting a contingency mock series in the second term of year 11.

Retention information/period

Evidence of a candidate's work for the resilience contingency, whether hardcopy or digital copy will be held securely until all final external exams have been taken by the candidate.

Digital work will be held securely in two places, one on site and one off site.

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

All contingency hard copy evidence will be shredded or disposed of via the secure shredding bag service, digital files will be deleted.

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

To be retained until after the deadline for reviews of marking or until any appeal, malpractice enquiry or other results enquiry has been completed, whichever is later.

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

Confidential destruction.

35. Results information

Record(s) description

Any results information, hard copy results not collected, broadsheets, results by subject etc. all other digital records relating to results.

Retention information/period

Hard copy results not collected - beginning of term, additional copies can be run if required.
All other records are digital therefore, at least 6 years, or software obsolete.

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

Confidential destruction.

36. Seating plans

Record(s) description

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

Retention information/period

To be retained until after the deadline for reviews of marking or until any appeal, malpractice enquiry or other results enquiry has been completed, whichever is later.

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

Confidential destruction.

37. Second pair of eyes check forms

Record(s) description

Log signed by the EO & Lead Invigilator recorded that exam packets have been double checked prior to opening the exam packets for the schedule exam. Check - correct code, tier, date.

Retention information/period

To be retained until after the deadline for reviews of marking or until any appeal, malpractice enquiry or other results enquiry has been completed, whichever is later.

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

Normal waste

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 signed evidence produced by a senior leader in support of the application.
Email evidence to be deleted.

Retention information/period

Records retained in accordance with the requirements of SC, section 6.
Evidence to be retained until after the publication of results.

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

Confidential destruction.

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

To be retained until after the deadline for reviews of marking or until any appeal, malpractice enquiry or other results enquiry has been completed, whichever is later.

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

Confidential destruction.

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

To be retained until after the deadline for reviews of marking or until any appeal, malpractice enquiry or other results enquiry has been completed, whichever is later.

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

Confidential destruction.

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

To be retained until after the deadline for reviews of marking or until any appeal, malpractice enquiry or other results enquiry has been completed, whichever is later.

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

Confidential destruction.

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

Mock exam paper evidence held from the 'contingency mock season' to be run under the DFE guidance for contingency. To be held February of year 11.
To include all seating plans, incident logs.
Special consideration logs for contingency.

Malpractice records for contingency.

Retention information/period

To be retained until after the deadline for reviews of marking or until any appeal, malpractice enquiry or other results enquiry has been completed, whichever is later.

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

Confidential destruction.

42b. Any other records/documentation/materials

Record(s) description

Any other hard copy data relating to mock as well as external exams.

Retention information/period

To be retained until after the deadline for reviews of marking or until any appeal, malpractice enquiry or other results enquiry has been completed, whichever is later.

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

Confidential destruction.

Changes 2024/2025

(Changed) Any reference to ALS Lead/SENCo changed to SENCo (or equivalent role).

(Added) Record type - **33. Resilience arrangements: Evidence of candidate performance**

Centre-specific changes

Resilience/contingency evidence will be disposed of following the last exam in the final exam series or following enquiries about results in the event of contingency being instigated.

The fact that digital evidence needs to be backed up in two places and deleted from two places.

Removal of consortium and private candidate detail as not applicable.

Removal of the Head of iMedia and Level 1 Project - no longer offered