

Exam Timetable

January 2026

ELC and Applied General

Timetable notes

1. Each exam must be taken on the day and at the time shown on the timetable. The published starting time of all exams is either 9.00am or 1.30pm. Students taking more than one exam in a session should take these consecutively. A supervised break may be given between the exams taken consecutively at the discretion of the school or college.
2. Schools/colleges may start an exam up to 30 minutes before the published starting time without notifying AQA.
3. Schools/colleges may delay the starting time of an exam within the scheduled session without notifying AQA but students must be supervised from 9.30am for morning exams or 2.00pm for afternoon exams.
4. For information on any other timetable variations, please refer to the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) [Instructions for conducting examinations](#) booklet or contact [Customer Services](#).
5. For examinations that last less than one hour, candidates must be supervised and question papers must be kept in the centre's secure storage facility until the published finishing time of the examination.
6. Some components require the issue of question papers, stimulus material or other information in advance of the normal timetable period. Schools/colleges should check the specification for information on the material required by students.
7. Any reading time specified for an exam is included in the time specified.
8. All controlled assessment and coursework marks must be submitted by 10 January 2026. The external assignment for Entrepreneurial Opportunities (ABS3) should be submitted by 25 January 2026. Visit our website for information about [carrying forward marks](#).
9. All results will be sent to be received in schools/colleges as follows:

Results Publication	Date
Electronically to schools/colleges	Wednesday 25 February 2026
Available for students	Thursday 26 February 2026

Week beginning Monday 5 January 2026

Monday 05 January 2026

pm

UNIT CODE	SUBJECT	LEVEL	DURATION
ABS1	Unit 1 Financial planning analysis		1h 30m

Tuesday 06 January 2026

pm

UNIT CODE	SUBJECT	LEVEL	DURATION
ASC4	Unit 4 The human body		1h 30m

Wednesday 07 January 2026

pm

UNIT CODE	SUBJECT	LEVEL	DURATION
ABS4	Unit 4 Managing and leading people		1h 30m

Thursday 08 January 2026

am

UNIT CODE	SUBJECT	LEVEL	DURATION
ASC1	Unit 1 Key concepts in science		1h 30m

Friday 09 January 2026

pm

UNIT CODE	SUBJECT	LEVEL	DURATION
ASC3	Unit 3 Science in the modern world		1h 30m

Subject and component list

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CODE	DESCRIPTION	NOTES	DURATION	DATE	TIME
Entry level certificate					
5930	ELC	Mathematics			
5930	Portfolio of externally-set and teacher controlled assignments	8	Submit by	10 January 2026	
5973 Step Up to English - Gold Step					
5973/1	Literacy topics - non-exam assessment	8	Submit by	10 January 2026	
5973/2	Creative reading and writing - non-exam assessment	8	Submit by	10 January 2026	
5972 Step Up to English - Silver Step					
5972/1	Literacy topics - non-exam assessment	8	Submit by	10 January 2026	
5972/2	Creative reading and writing - non-exam assessment	8	Submit by	10 January 2026	

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CODE	DESCRIPTION	NOTES	DURATION	DATE	TIME
Applied General					
1831	Certificate in Applied Business				
ABS1	Unit 1 Financial planning analysis		1h 30m	05 January 2026	pm
ABS2	Unit 2 Business dynamics	8	Submit by	10 January 2026	
ABS3	Unit 3 Entrepreneurial opportunities	8	Submit by	25 January 2026	

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CODE	DESCRIPTION	NOTES	DURATION	DATE	TIME
1832	Extended Certificate in Applied Business				
ABS1	Unit 1 Financial planning analysis		1h 30m	05 January 2026	pm
ABS2	Unit 2 Business dynamics	8	Submit by	10 January 2026	
ABS3	Unit 3 Entrepreneurial opportunities	8	Submit by	25 January 2026	
ABS4	Unit 4 Managing and leading people		1h 30m	07 January 2026	pm
ABS5	Unit 5 Developing a business proposal	8	Submit by	10 January 2026	
ABS6	Unit 6 e-Business implementation	8	Submit by	10 January 2026	
ABS7	Unit 7 Managing an event	8	Submit by	10 January 2026	
ABS8	Unit 8 Marketing communications	8	Submit by	10 January 2026	

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CODE	DESCRIPTION	NOTES	DURATION	DATE	TIME
1776	Certificate in Applied Science				
ASC1	Unit 1 Key concepts in science		1h 30m	08 January 2026	am
ASC2	Unit 2 Applied experimental techniques	8	Submit by	10 January 2026	
ASC3	Unit 3 Science in the modern world	6	1h 30m	09 January 2026	pm

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CODE	DESCRIPTION	NOTES	DURATION	DATE	TIME
1777	Extended Certificate in Applied Science				
ASC1	Unit 1 Key concepts in science		1h 30m	08 January 2026	am
ASC2	Unit 2 Applied experimental techniques	8	Submit by	10 January 2026	
ASC3	Unit 3 Science in the modern world	6	1h 30m	09 January 2026	pm
ASC4	Unit 4 The human body		1h 30m	06 January 2026	pm
ASC5	Unit 5 Investigating science	8	Submit by	10 January 2026	
ASC6A	Unit 6a Microbiology	8	Submit by	10 January 2026	
ASC6B	Unit 6b Medical physics	8	Submit by	10 January 2026	
ASC6C	Unit 6c Organic chemistry	8	Submit by	10 January 2026	