



Examinations Guide

At White Oak, students follow the internationally respected Pearson Edexcel International A Level (IAL) pathway, a globally recognised qualification valued by leading universities across the United Kingdom, Europe, Asia, and beyond. Unlike many traditional linear systems, Pearson Edexcel International A Levels are modular in structure, allowing students to complete examinations in stages throughout their academic journey. This provides both academic flexibility and the opportunity for thoughtful, personalised progression.

Our academic model is strategically designed around the three principal international examination seasons: October/November, January, and May/June. Through this structure, students may pursue individualised academic pathways, including flexible pacing between AS and A2 study depending on their aspirations, subject combinations, university destinations, and personal circumstances.

White Oak currently offers subjects which, by their nature, do not contain coursework components. Assessment is therefore centred primarily around externally examined written papers, ensuring clarity, academic rigour, and internationally standardised evaluation. Certain Natural Sciences subjects may additionally include examined practical assessments in accordance with Pearson Edexcel specifications.

Formal examinations are undertaken through authorised local examination centres worldwide. As a boutique online sixth form college with an internationally minded student body, White Oak provides personalised guidance to support families throughout the examination entry process, including identifying suitable centres, understanding registration timelines, coordinating examination series, and navigating administrative procedures with confidence and clarity.



Students are responsible for adhering to the policies and regulations of their chosen examination centre, including arrival procedures, identification requirements, permitted materials, and examination conduct regulations. Accessibility arrangements, access accommodations, or special examination considerations must also be organised directly with the local examination centre in accordance with official examination board policies and deadlines.

To support academic readiness and university progression, White Oak conducts seasonal mock examination periods aligned closely with official examination standards and timings. These assessments allow students to develop examination technique, strengthen time management, and gain familiarity with formal assessment conditions. Mock examination performance also contributes towards the development of predicted grades, which may play an important role in university applications, scholarship considerations, internship opportunities, and broader academic planning.

Through rigorous teaching, discussion-based learning, and carefully structured academic preparation, White Oak aims not merely to prepare students for examinations, but to cultivate intellectual confidence, independence, and readiness for highly competitive university environments internationally.