



## Procedure in the event of a fire alarm during a Public Examination

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## PROCEDURE IN THE EVENT OF A FIRE ALARM DURING A PUBLIC EXAMINATION

IF THE FIRE ALARM SOUNDS whilst you are invigilating an Internal/Public Examination:

STOP THE CANDIDATES FROM WORKING BY ASKING THEM TO:

Put a line below their last answer and sign underneath it, close their booklets and put pens down.

NOTE THE TIME AND HOW LONG THE EXAM HAS BEEN RUNNING.

If the alarm stops within three seconds:

Wait for the Exams Officer to turn up. Exams Officer will confirm whether it is a false alarm and give further instructions.

IF THE ALARM DOES NOT STOP:

The Exams Evacuation Team will come up and assist with the evacuation. Before they get there:

Instruct the students that they are to leave in SILENCE, when told to do so.

Tell them that the evacuation must be conducted under exam conditions and failure to remain silent could jeopardise the security of the exam and will be reported to the exam board.

Together with the Exams Evacuation Team, escort students out with one member of staff at the front, one in the middle and one at the back, to the designated fire assembly point by 6 London Place, AWAY from the rest of the college. Close the door of the exam room as you leave.

In the eventuality that no one comes to assist you in the exam room, escort the students to the same place and call for assistance informing Exams Officer of your position.

Once there, space the candidates out and maintain silence between candidates.

RESUMING THE EXAMINATION:

Maintain silence until students are back in the exam room. Wait until the candidates are ready to begin again.

Instruct them that time will be added on to the end of the exam.



NOTE the time.

ADJUST the finishing time on the board.

START the exam.

Complete a full report on the incident once the exam is over.

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**In Accordance with new JCQ access arrangement requirements and adjustments relating to emergency evacuation during examinations, a new set of policies have been produced. These are being kept in the examination offices.**