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Exam timetable clashes involving AS Further Mathematics, AS Mathematics, A level Further Mathematics and A level Mathematics

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To help ensure the integrity of **high-stakes examinations**, AQA, Cambridge OCR and Pearson have put in place enhanced security arrangements. These include the timetabling of AS Further Mathematics, AS Mathematics, A level Further Mathematics and A level Mathematics examinations in the afternoon session.

If a candidate has a timetable clash with an AS Further Mathematics, AS Mathematics, A level Further Mathematics or A level Mathematics examination, the centre **cannot** move that examination to the morning. These Mathematics examinations **must always** be taken in the afternoon, as per the awarding body's published timetable.

The only exception to this rule would be where a candidate has three or more AS or A level examinations in one day which **exceed** six hours in duration. In this scenario, an AS Further Mathematics, AS Mathematics, A level Further Mathematics or A level Mathematics examination could be transferred to the following morning. See **section 8** of the *Instructions for conducting examinations (ICE)* document for information on overnight supervision arrangements:

<http://www.jcq.org.uk/exams-office/ice---instructions-for-conducting-examinations>

The awarding bodies appreciate there may be logistical challenges for candidates with extra time and/or supervised rest breaks. One possible solution is to vary the starting time for the afternoon session, as per **paragraph 6.4** of the *ICE* document:

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If this is not possible and centres have queries about individual candidates, the relevant awarding body should be contacted for advice.

These arrangements do not apply to CCEA or WJEC AS Further Mathematics, AS Mathematics, A level Further Mathematics or A level Mathematics examinations.