

As your child is approaching the end of their compulsory schooling and may be starting to think about taking their GCSE exams, we have put together some questions and answers that you may find beneficial.



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Elective Home Education guide to GCSEs and beyond

Can my home educated child sit GCSE exams?

Yes

Who do I contact to arrange the exams?

EdStart have centres in Bury, Bolton and Salford.

Contact number: 01617364087

Contact name : Sam Jordison

Average costs £50 per exam

£50 per Non exam assessment i.e. English Language speaking and listening

£20 per hour invigilator costs

Exam boards: AQA and Pearson

Tutors & Exams ltd is a private candidate centre with a branch in Bolton.

Contact number: 02476221008 Ext 2

<https://www.tutorsandexams.uk/fees-list/>

Applications should be made via our website

<https://www.tutorsandexams.uk/application-form-payment/>

To avoid late fees, candidates must book AND pay by 7th February 2020

Exam board information.

All examination boards offer examinations for external candidates and when you contact them, you should inform them you need information for an external candidate. You also need to tell them in which year your son/daughter is going to sit their exams. Parents/Carers should contact the individual examination boards about the most appropriate syllabus to follow.

The contact numbers and websites for the exam board for England are:

AQA (incorporating NEAB + SEG) Exams Office Support 0844 209 6614

www.aqa.org.uk

Edexcel (incorporating ULEAC) 0845 618 0440

<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/home.html>

OCR (incorporating MEG and RSA) 01223 553998

www.ocr.org.uk

Where can I get support and information about post 16 options?

Connexions are based in the center of Bury and can provide your child with a wide range of support and guidance to help them make informed choices about their future careers; and make a successful transition in to post 16 education, employment or training.

Connexions can offer help with the following and they work with young people between the ages of 14 and 18.

Career pathways

Further education / college courses

Apprenticeships

Applications

Job search skills

Work opportunities

Voluntary opportunities

Contact them on 0161 253 7733 to make an appointment.

Do the local authority cover the cost of my child's exams?

The local authority is unable to provide any financial assistance.