

Ramadan: GCSE Exams, 2018

Jewellery Quarter Academy does not give advice to students and their families who are fasting during the GCSE exam period.

We will give guidance which is informed by the work done by the Association of School and College Leaders (ASCL) who have worked with imams, Islamic scholars, experts, Muslim chaplains in the education sector and education leaders to initiate discussions with Muslim students on how best they can fulfil their Islamic obligations during Ramadan, including the obligation to perform well in their exams and tests.

The guidance from ASCL states:

There is a wide and diverse range of possible interpretations of Islamic law. Scholars differ in their opinions on what age Muslims become obliged to fast, how long they should fast for and the legitimate exemptions.

Our guidance is the following:

It is for individual students and their families to make a balanced decision about fasting during the exam season.

Religious observance and the need to perform well in exams are both important.

Students and families who have questions or concerns should ask those trusted people who they would normally approach for guidance, advice or opinion.