**Resources and Information**

**Please note these are examples of resources that can support parents who electively home educate. There are many more resources available in various forms that can and are used by parents.**

**Exam Boards**

When applying to sit GCSEs as an external candidate, there are many examination boards to choose from, each with their own specification, content and assessment. It is advisable to do your research before deciding which board/specification to study, but the main boards used in the UK are listed below. Exam boards also provide additional information for private candidates that you are strongly advised to read and may be accessed via the links below.

• AQA: <http://www.aqa.org.uk/student-support/private-candidates>

• WJEC: <http://www.wjec.co.uk/students/private-candidates/>

• OCR: <http://www.ocr.org.uk/ocr-for/learners-and-parents/private-candidates/>

• Edexcel: <http://qualifications.pearson.com/en/support/support-for-you/students.html>

• Cambridge International Examinations: http://www.cie.org.uk/cambridge-for/parentsand-students/exams-and-results/private-candidates/

Before making an application to sit an examination, you must be fully aware of all the requirements and regulations concerned with the subject(s) for the examination board(s) involved. You must check the specification/syllabus for each subject for each board, ensuring you know the appropriate Subject Title and Codes for all units you wish to be entered for. It is your responsibility to ensure you note the correct titles and codes on your application. A centre will accept no responsibility for private candidates entering the incorrect examination specification. The correct codes can be found in the subject specification, but the exam boards generally also publish lists of their codes and, where publicly available, the appropriate links are published below for your reference.

• AQA Entry Codes Book: http://store.aqa.org.uk/admin/library/AQA-ENTRY-CODES.PDF

• OCR Admin Guide: http://www.ocr.org.uk/ocr-for/exams-officers/support-andtools/admin-guides/

• Edexcel Information Manual: http://qualifications.pearson.com/en/support/supporttopics/centre-administration/information-manual.html

• WJEC Entry Codes: http://www.wjec.co.uk/examofficers/Entry\_Procedures\_and\_Coding\_2015-16.pdf?language\_id=1

Access Arrangements In some cases, students will be granted access arrangements, which allow candidates with special educational needs, disabilities or temporary injuries to access the assessment without changing the demands of the assessment. These arrangements are pre-examination adjustments for candidates based on evidence of need and normal way of working. For example, readers, scribes, laptops and Braille question papers. You will need to apply to the appropriate examination board for these arrangements to be granted and they will expect current medical, or other written evidence, to substantiate the application. You must also ensure that you contact your chosen exam centre to discuss individual requirements and any access arrangements you have been granted / are applying for, to ensure they can facilitate these.

Further information can be found on the Joint Council for Qualifications website www.jcq.org.uk/exams-office/access-arrangements-and-special-consideration Exam Centres

The following centres in the North West accept external candidates. However, please be aware that this is subject to amendment and they may change their position at any time.

Cheshire Altrincham Blessed Thomas Holford Catholic College, Urban Road, Altrincham, Cheshire, WA15 6HT 0161 911 8090

Crewe Oakfield Lodge School, The Stables, Warmingham Road, Crewe, Cheshire, CW1 4PP 01270 685 626

Macclesfield Tutorial College, 20 Cumberland Street, Macclesfield, Cheshire, SK10 1DD (Please note this centre offers controlled and internal assessment facilities) 01625 501 440 Nantwich

Malbank School and Sixth Form College, Welsh Row, Nantwich, Cheshire, CW5 5HD 01270 611 009 Weald Green Intuition Centre, 212A Finney Lane, Weald Green, Cheshire, SK8 3QA 0161 637 4220

**Greater Manchester**

Ashton Sixth Form College, Darnton Road, Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancs, OL6 9RL 0161 666 8216

Manchester Abraham Moss Community School, Crescent Road, Crumpsall, Manchester, M8 5UF 0161 219 6615

Manchester Connell Sixth Form College, 301 Alan Turing Way, Manchester, M11 3BS, 0161 231 9200

Manchester The Tuition College, 19 Birch Lane, Longsight, Manchester, M13 0NW, 0161 224 0357

Wigan Aim Together NorthWest CIC, Redgate Road, Ashton-in Makerfield, Wigan, WN4 8DT 01942 417 565

Wigan Newbridge Learning Community, Moss Lane, Platt Bridge, Wigan, WN2 3TL 01942 776 020

Bolton Tutors and Exams, Victoria Hall, Knowsley Street, Bolton, BL1 2AS 02476 221 008

**Useful links for resources/information that home education parents may wish to explore:**

**Oak National Academy** [www.thenational.academy](http://www.thenational.academy)

**Oh so Ed** <https://ohsoed.co.uk>

**Save My Exams** [www.savemyexams.co.uk](http://www.savemyexams.co.uk)

**Ed Yourself** [www.edyourself.org](http://www.edyourself.org)

**Exams and private candidates** [www.jcq.org.uk/private-candidates](http://www.jcq.org.uk/private-candidates)

**Home Education Advisory Service** [www.heas.org.uk](http://www.heas.org.uk)

**Special Education Needs SEN Home Education** [www.he-special.org.uk](http://www.he-special.org.uk)

**Cultural Education Information Christian Home Education** [www.homeschool.co.uk](http://www.homeschool.co.uk)

**Islamic Home Education** [www.islamichomeeducation.co.uk](http://www.islamichomeeducation.co.uk)

**Muslim Home Education** [www.muslimsandhomeeducation.com](http://www.muslimsandhomeeducation.com)

**Gypsy/Traveller Information** [www.gypsy-traveller.org/education](http://www.gypsy-traveller.org/education)

**Worldwide Education Service** [www.weshome.demon.co.uk/teach.html](http://www.weshome.demon.co.uk/teach.html)

**Dyslexia UK** [www.dyslexia.uk.net](http://www.dyslexia.uk.net)

**Other Internet Safety** [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)

**Parent Line Plus Tel no 0808 8002222** [www.parentlineplus.org.uk](http://www.parentlineplus.org.uk)

**Advisory Centre for Education (ACE)** [www.ace-ed.org.uk](http://www.ace-ed.org.uk)

**Department for Education** [www.education.gov.uk](http://www.education.gov.uk)

**The Standards and Testing Agency**  www.gov.uk/government/organisations/standards-and-testing-agency

**Primary Resources** [www.primaryresources.co.uk](http://www.primaryresources.co.uk)

**BBC** [www.bbc.co.uk/learning](http://www.bbc.co.uk/learning)

**BBC** [www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize)

**Channel 4** [www.channel4learning.net](http://www.channel4learning.net)

**Education Guardian** [www.educationguardian.co.uk](http://www.educationguardian.co.uk)

**History** [www.schoolhistory.co.uk](http://www.schoolhistory.co.uk)

**Open University free online learning** [www.open.edu/openlearning.co.uk](http://www.open.edu/openlearning.co.uk) [Receive free statement of participation on completion]

**Top Marks** [www.topmarks.co.uk](http://www.topmarks.co.uk) [subscription]

**Mathletics** [www.mathletics.co.uk](http://www.mathletics.co.uk) [subscription]

**At School** [www.atschool.co.uk](http://www.atschool.co.uk) [subscription]

**ICT Games** [www.ictgames.com](http://www.ictgames.com)

**Education City** [www.educationcity.com](http://www.educationcity.com) [subscription]

**Khan Academy** [www.khanacademy.org](http://www.khanacademy.org)

**Seneca Learning** [www.senecalearning.com](http://www.senecalearning.com)

**Ed Place** [www.edplace.com](http://www.edplace.com) [subscription]

**IXL Learning (online program Primary/Secondary** [www.uk.ixl.com](http://www.uk.ixl.com) [subscription]

**TES** [www.tes.com](http://www.tes.com)

**Twinkl** [www.twinkl.co.uk](http://www.twinkl.co.uk) [subscription]

**Duolingo** (Languages) [www.duolingo.com](http://www.duolingo.com)

**Mondly** (languages) [www.mondly.com](http://www.mondly.com)

**CPG educational resources** [www.cgpbooks.co.uk](http://www.cgpbooks.co.uk)

**Doddle Maths** [www.doddlemaths.com](http://www.doddlemaths.com) [subscription]

**Doddle English** [www.doddlelearn.co.uk/english](http://www.doddlelearn.co.uk/english) [subscription]

**Oxford Owl** [www.oxfordowl.co.uk](http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk)

**Mysteries in Time (History)** [www.mysteriesintime.co.uk](http://www.mysteriesintime.co.uk) [subscription]

**Tameside Coder dojo** – [www.tamesidecoderdojo.org.uk](http://www.tamesidecoderdojo.org.uk) (Free coding club for young people between the ages of 7-17)

**Glossop Arts Project** – [www.glossopartsproject.org](http://www.glossopartsproject.org) (Offer arts for wellbeing workshops. Some costs may incur) They also have a FB page

**Two Pound tuition hub** <https://the2poundtuitionhub.com/> (Tuition/lesson ideas)

**Some families have also used resources from sites such as the relaxed home school and the Magic Bus.**

**Remind families that there is a free magazine ‘Tameside Citizen’ put through the doors of homes in Tameside highlighting lots of things going on across the borough regularly. Families can also look events up on intameside.co.uk**

**Libraries – Coder Dojo (Stalybridge Library)**

**Book Trust Storytime (under 5s), Story Makers (under 4s), Time for Rhyme (under 4’s)**

**Exhibitions Ashton & Stalybridge**

**Family Yoga and mindfulness**

**Self-led craft tables**

**STEM workshops (ages 7-13)**

**Museums and Galleries – Astley Cheetham Art Gallery**

**Portland Basin Museum**

**Supporting young people’s mental health and well being**

Young Minds – [www.youngminds.org.uk](http://www.youngminds.org.uk)

Tog Mind (Tameside Oldham and Glossop) – [www.togmind.org](http://www.togmind.org)

Noah’s ART (Animal Assisted Therapy) music, art and creative activities (cost involved) now based in Hyde (1-9 Borough Arcade, Hyde, SK14 2AA)

KOOTH – [www.kooth.com](http://www.kooth.com) online mental health and well-being support

**Supporting young people who have additional needs/disabilities**

PHEW – Physical Health and Emotional Wellbeing support

OKE – Our Kids Eyes – [www.ourkidseyes.org](http://www.ourkidseyes.org) (offering support, information and activities to families who have children with special needs

Together Trust [www.togethertrust.org.uk](http://www.togethertrust.org.uk) – Working to help and support people with disabilities and children in care across the northwest (leaflet regarding parent advice/support enclosed in pack)

National Autistic Society – [www.autism.org.uk](http://www.autism.org.uk) (lots of information for both parents and young people

Starlingcio group – creative arts workshops for neurodivergent young creatives aged 13-25. Run workshops based in Tameside, Manchester and Trafford (on fb, Instagram, twitter) [www.starlingcio.org.uk](http://www.starlingcio.org.uk) (email to make contact and find out more and register)

ADHD Foundation – [www.adhdfoundation.org.uk](http://www.adhdfoundation.org.uk) (lots of advice and helpful strategies for parents and young people)