Alternative examination arrangements for Ramadan and other religious holidays

Any students who have a clash between their examinations and specific religious observances, such as the Jewish Sabbath or Ramadan, may apply for adjustments to their examinations under Part 11 of the Examination Regulations.

An initial request for religious observance requirements to be taken into account in the timetabling of exams should be made using the usual route for applying for exam adjustments as early as possible, and before the end of Michaelmas Term 2016. If the request cannot be met in the setting of the exam timetable, a further application for alternative arrangements will need to be submitted, which might include sitting papers at a different time in college (e.g. students observing the Jewish Sabbath may apply to sit Saturday papers on a Sunday, or those fasting for Ramadan who feel unable to perform at their highest level in the afternoon may request to sit papers in the morning).

Wherever a student has permission to take a paper at a different time to the main cohort, they will need to be kept under supervision without contact with others until the main cohort has sat the paper.

Students should speak with their Colleges as soon as possible about any concerns to explore what adjustments might be possible and appropriate for their situation. Further advice can be obtained from their faith leaders, student societies and OUSU.

Please refer to the regulations online at: http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2016-17/rftcoue-p11rfahcwithexam/

Applying for adjustments and/or alternative arrangements:
Please remember that all initial applications for alternative examination arrangements for religious observance should be made by the end of Michaelmas Term 2016 via your College Office, as follows:

- Check whether your examinations are likely to clash with your religious observance
- Consult faith leaders, student societies, OUSU for further advice
- Consult your College Office to apply for exam alternative arrangements to request that your requirements are taken into account in the setting of the exam timetable
- Your College Office will liaise with the Examinations Team regarding your timetable
- If your request cannot be accommodated in your timetable the College Office will discuss your options with you, and make a further application for alternative arrangements to sit your exam at another time if necessary