



Policy:	<i>AI Plagiarism</i>
Applies to:	<i>Warwick Senior Pupils</i>
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AI PLAGIARISM POLICY

We define plagiarism as pupils passing off the work of a source other than themselves as their own work. We take plagiarism very seriously and, in line with JCQ guidance, make clear to pupils that work submitted for qualification assessments and internal assessments must be their own. We recognize that technological progress is making certain forms of plagiarism more accessible to students, and as such we make pupils aware of the risks of using AI and explain clearly what we and external bodies mean by malpractice. This includes education relating to how pupils reference work used in their work as a source material, including AI-generated sources.

Specifically, we make sure that pupils know that their work must be written in their own words, that it isn't copied or paraphrased from another source, and that the content is their own independent work. We also make clear that failure properly to acknowledge the use of AI or other sources when they have been used in a piece of work is likely to be considered malpractice.

If ever we doubt the authenticity of pupil work, we investigate and take appropriate action. This applies particularly to work not completed under examination conditions, including Non-Examined Assessments and homework. Our investigations can include discussions with pupils, analysis of the work in relation to the regular written style of the pupil, as well as using the latest detection software available to us. We follow published guidance on key indicators of AI misuse, including (but not limited to) inappropriately advanced or elementary language use, a variation in the written style across the piece, the unusual use of concluding statements throughout a piece, and overly verbose or hyperbolic language that may not be in keeping with the candidate's written style.

All of the above applies to the use of websites, books, articles, AI, and any other kind of source available to pupils. Where plagiarism is established, we agree on an appropriate sanction, in proportion to the scope of the plagiarism and also the nature of the work being completed. This process applies for both internally set work such as homework and also NEAs that form part of an externally assessed qualification. However, it should be noted that external providers also set their own sanctions for plagiarism, and that these often include disqualification from the qualification.

The full guidance on which our plagiarism policy is based can be found here: <https://www.jcq.org.uk/exams-office/malpractice/artificial-intelligence/>. However, if updated guidance is published during an academic year, we reserve the right to update our practices ahead of our annual policy update.