

# Malpractice and Plagiarism

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# MISSION

Lead, nurture and succeed.

# VISION

A sustainable and inclusive community hub, nurturing future leaders.







This policy is applied at MTW alongside our school's vision, mission and values. Alongside the principles of High Performance Learning; VAA and A.C.P. characteristics.

#### 1. Aims

- To identify and minimise the risk of malpractice by learners
- · To respond to any incident of alleged malpractice promptly and objectively
- To standardise and fairly record any investigation of malpractice
- To impose appropriate penalties and/or sanctions learners where incidents (or attempted incidents) of proven malpractice
- To protect the integrity of the School and STEC qualifications.

## 2. Education and Training

The School will take all appropriate measures to ensure that learner's work is their own and that plagiarism, Al generation and other forms of duplicity have not taken place. The school will also take appropriate action where plagiarism and use of Al is detected. The School is committed to the prevention of malpractice by;

- the training of staff in prevention and detection
- informing learners upon approving them of the methods being used to aid detection and the penalties imposed by the School in the event that malpractice is proven
- ensuring that learners are properly instructed in what constitutes fair practice and appropriate referencing by showing them appropriate formats to record cited texts, Al generation and other materials or information sources including websites
- asking learners to declare that the work is their own.
- asking learners to provide evidence that they have interpreted and synthesized appropriate information and acknowledged any sources used
- verifying the identity of a learner before taking an examination
- taking disciplinary action as appropriate including reporting the alleged malpractice to the relevant Awarding Body

#### 3. Responsibilities

It is the responsibility of all learners and staff to ensure that learner work submitted for purposes of assessment is their own work.

### It is the responsibility of Learners:

- To ensure that work submitted for purposes of assessment is their own.
- To ensure that the words and arguments of others, or generated by AI, are appropriately cited, declared and referenced.

Plagiarism includes copying materials from other learners past or present; from written sources; from the Internet or from any other source; whether this is through cutting and pasting, rewriting or by any other means such as use of technology and AI generation that results in work that is not a true representation of student's own understanding and thinking of concepts. Work submitted by learners must be their own unless it is specifically indicated within the text through appropriate referencing that this is not the case - or where originality was clearly not a requirement of the assessment being undertaken.

### Monitoring and review

This policy is monitored by MTW Senior Leaders and will be reviewed every three years or earlier if necessary.

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