

Ofqual Guidance on Malpractice

Malpractice involves some form of wrongdoing. Examples include:

- sharing answers
- impersonation
- leaking exam papers or other assessment materials
- swapping scripts
- inappropriate use of artificial intelligence (AI) in non-exam assessments such as the use of chatbots
- smuggling information or taking mobile phones and communication devices into exam halls

To be clear, you **must not** wear a watch in the exam or take a mobile phone or any other unauthorised items into the exam room with you, as doing so will also be treated as malpractice.

All work submitted as part of exams and assessments must be your own work; submitting any work that is not your own is malpractice.

You may see websites or individuals offering leaked exam papers or other assessment materials in advance of your exams or assessments. Do not look at any papers or materials offered in this way. They are probably fake and awarding organisations investigate any attempt to breach assessment and exam paper security. If there is any evidence that you have engaged with leaked papers you could face sanctions, including disqualification from the qualification.

Artificial Intelligence (AI)

AI tools must only be used when the conditions of the assessment permit the use of the internet and where you are able to demonstrate that the final submission is the product of your own independent work and independent thinking.

Examples of AI misuse include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Copying or paraphrasing sections of AI-generated content so that the work is no longer your own
- Copying or paraphrasing whole responses of AI-generated content
- Using AI to complete parts of the assessment so that the work does not reflect your own work, analysis, evaluation or calculations
- Submitting work with intentionally incomplete or misleading references or bibliographies.

Plagiarism

Plagiarism is taking someone else's work and presenting it as your own. JCQ define plagiarism as *"unacknowledged copying from, or reproduction of, third party sources or incomplete referencing (including the internet and AI tools)."*

GCSE/ELC Non- Exam Assessment

Any work submitted as part of an assessment must be your own. You must clearly reference any sources and any AI tools used in the work. A false declaration of authenticity and plagiarism are both forms of malpractice.

Students who cheat or commit malpractice face serious sanctions, including being disqualified from all qualifications offered by an awarding organisation.