

Use of Artificial Intelligence

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is a rapidly advancing field that has the potential to revolutionise many aspects of our lives, including education and the job market.

However, it is important that students are aware of the risks of using AI.

Students must not use AI to do their own work as this undermines the learning process as it can offer shortcuts that reduce the engagement that is key to deep and meaningful understanding. Using AI tools can reduce opportunities to hone students' writing skills, critical thinking and evaluation skills – key academic and professional skills which are needed at College and beyond.

While AI systems can provide helpful suggestions and insights, they are not flawless and can make errors or provide inaccurate information. AI programmes can have implicit bias so students should think critically, and fact-check using alternative sources if using AI tools.

Students should never enter their personal data into an AI tool.

For assessed work, including Non-Examined Assessment and assessments in vocational qualifications, the misuse of AI constitutes malpractice and may attract severe sanctions in accordance with JCQ regulations.

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
- Failing to acknowledge use of AI tools when they have been used as a source of information
- Incomplete or poor acknowledgement of AI tools
- Submitting work with intentionally incomplete or misleading references or bibliographies.

If it is discovered that you have broken the regulations, one of the following penalties will be applied:

- the piece of work will be awarded zero marks;
- you will be disqualified from that component for the examination series in question;
- you will be disqualified from the whole subject for that examination series;
- you will be disqualified from all subjects and barred from entering again for a period of time.

The awarding body will decide which penalty is appropriate which is outside of the College's influence or control.