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Dear Parent/Carer

Plagiarism, collusion or other forms of malpractice during completion of Qualifications Scotland (QS) accredited qualifications

Your child is currently in the Senior Phase at Wallace Hall Academy, during which time they will complete a variety of QS accredited qualifications. These qualifications will involve a range of assessments which could include (but are not limited to): folios, assignments, prelims, practical performances, class tests, final exams. QS expect high standards of conduct from all candidates when completing assessments as part of their QS accredited qualifications.

Your child has been emailed a 'Your National Qualifications' booklet explaining in more detail what is meant by plagiarism, collusion or other forms of malpractice. The 'Your National Qualifications' booklet also gives helpful hints on how to avoid malpractice. If at any point your child is worried and unsure about any aspect of a task they are completing, or the expectations around it, they should approach a member of staff in school as the requirements can vary from subject to subject.

Any instance of suspected malpractice will be fully investigated by senior managers from the school and should your child be found to be engaging in malpractice we have a number of sanctions available to us including (but not limited to): removal from individual QS exams, removal from all QS exams, exclusion from school.

You may also be aware of the rise of 'Artificial Intelligence' or 'AI' and the use of AI by pupils completing QS coursework is strictly prohibited. Pupils should not even be using AI as a reference source. QS have software they can use to detect where AI has been used and will impose robust sanctions where this is the case.

We would welcome your support in discussing the 'Your National Qualifications' booklet with your child to ensure they understand the need for honesty and integrity around QS accredited qualifications.

Yours sincerely

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Dr Ray Fulton
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