



# Plagiarism and Wolsey Hall Oxford

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Plagiarism is defined as:

*"The practice of taking someone else's work or ideas and passing them off as one's own"*  
(OxfordDictionaries.com)

A good example of plagiarism would be copying passages of text from the Internet without acknowledging the source.

If you need to copy passages of text – to provide evidence or support an argument in an assignment for example – you should include a reference to the source of the material.

Wolsey Hall's position on plagiarism is simple: don't do it!

We have systems in place to detect plagiarism and we will contact you or your parents in cases where we detect that the assignment you send to your tutors is not all your own work.

This is not because we wish to reprimand you, but simply because it is not in *your* interests to plagiarise other people's work.

Remember that you will be sitting *externally assessed examinations* at the end of your course and our aim at Wolsey Hall is to help you prepare for these examinations. But we can only do that if the work you send to us is your own. Your tutors will not be able to gauge your progress or provide useful feedback to you if the work you send to them is copied from other sources.

Many thanks,

*The Wolsey Hall Team*