



ACCESS TO FAIR ASSESSMENT POLICY

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Responsibility of:	Rachel Prentice

STATEMENT OF ASSESSMENT

- We aim to provide a variety of qualifications which provide all students with the opportunity to achieve their full potential by the most appropriate and direct route.
- Our Fair Assessment Policy is based on the concepts of equality, diversity, clarity, consistency and openness.
- We will endeavour to ensure that the assessment processes are implemented in a way which is fair and non-discriminatory.

ACCESS

- Students are made aware of the existence of this policy and have open access to it. It can be found online at freebroughacademy.org [Parents and Students: Policies].
- All tutors are made aware of the contents and purpose of this policy.
- This policy is reviewed annually and may be revised in response to feedback from students, tutors and external organisations.

WHAT STUDENTS CAN EXPECT FROM US

- We aim to ensure that all assessment of work is carried out fairly and in keeping with the awarding body's requirements.
- All portfolio-based work will be assessed fairly against the qualification standards and teachers involved will be fully trained.
- Internal assessments will be carried out fairly and according to awarding body instructions.
- Externally marked tests and exams will be according to the requirements of the awarding body.

STUDENTS CAN ALSO EXPECT

- To be fully inducted onto a new course and given information that can be shared with parents and carers.
- Learning outcomes, performance criteria and other significant elements of learning and assessment to be made clear at the outset of the course and when assignments are set.
- To be given appropriate assessment opportunities during the course with feedback provided on the quality of the work.
- All work to be marked within two weeks of submission by the student.
- Where equivalents and exemptions can be applied, we will ensure this is pursued with the relevant awarding body.

CHEATING AND PLAGIARISM

A fair assessment of student's work can only be made if that work is entirely the student's own. Therefore students can expect an awarding body to be informed if:

- They are found guilty of copying, giving or sharing information or answers, unless part of a joint project
- They use an unauthorised aid during a test or examination
- They copy another student's answers during a test or examination
- They talk during a test or examination.

All allegations of cheating and plagiarism will lead to a full investigation which will follow the guidance of the relevant awarding body.

If a student feels he/she has been wrongly accused of cheating or plagiarism, they should be referred to the Complaints Policy.