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Turn It In

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to inform you of an important development in our efforts to promote academic integrity and support the success of all learners here at Barr Beacon School. Beginning this academic term, we will be using Turnitin, a trusted and widely recognised tool, to help ensure originality and accurate referencing in coursework and non-examined assessments for Key Stage 4 and 5.

Why Are We Using Turnitin?

As part of our commitment to maintaining high academic standards and promoting originality, Turnitin will serve as a resource to help pupils learn how to properly attribute sources and avoid academic misconduct. Plagiarism, whether intentional or unintentional, undermines the learning process, and would result in work being downgraded by examining bodies. Turnitin is designed to help pupils understand the importance of citing their sources and producing authentic and independent work.

The use of Turnitin will not only assist in identifying potential instances of plagiarism but will also act as an educational tool, providing pupils with detailed feedback on how they can improve their academic writing and referencing practices. This will enhance pupils' skills, giving them a clear understanding of what constitutes academic integrity.

What Does This Mean for Pupils?

Pupils will be required to submit their written assignments through Turnitin, where work will be checked for similarities against a vast database of academic sources and peer work. We will continue to support pupils in understanding the importance of recognising sources of research and how to properly reference their work.

We are confident that this initiative will benefit our pupils by reinforcing good academic habits and ensuring that the work they submit is their own. Please know that Turnitin will be used strictly for educational purposes, and no grade or penalty will be assigned without prior discussion with the pupil and parents.

Support and Resources for Pupils

We will be providing additional resources to pupils, including tutorials on how to reference sources correctly. Our teachers will be available to assist pupils with any questions they may have regarding this process. If you have any concerns or questions about Turnitin or the implementation of this tool, please contact Mrs Sadler via postbox@barrbeaconschool.co.uk.



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We appreciate your continued support. Together, we can ensure that our pupils are prepared to succeed with accuracy and confidence in their academic journey.

Yours sincerely,



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