



Academic Honesty

Westbourne College takes academic honesty very seriously reflecting the high standards the IB holds in this regard for its students. The Academic Honesty Policy covers all aspects of academic malpractice including plagiarism, copying of another student's work, cheating and other forms of dishonest practice.

In any piece of research there are responsibilities on the person conducting the research to himself/ herself, the College, the IB, the academic world. The following is a definition:

An authentic piece of work is one that is based on the candidate's individual and original ideas with the ideas and work of others fully acknowledged. Therefore, all assignments for assessment, regardless of their format, must wholly and authentically use that candidate's own language, expression and ideas. Where the ideas or work of another person are represented within a candidate's work, whether in the form of direct quotation or paraphrase, the source(s) of those ideas or the work must be fully and appropriately acknowledged.

As part of induction, all students will receive instruction about what academic honesty is and the responsibility it places on all members of the school community to uphold these high standards. When investigating reports of academic dishonesty, the IB does not consider intent; therefore, it is critical that all students understand what is expected of them.

All students from the outset must practise research, reporting and academic study practices under these guidelines. The International Baccalaureate and Westbourne College will treat violations of the Academic Honesty Policy as a very serious matter. In



judging cases of concern neither the International Baccalaureate nor Westbourne College discerns whether an incident of academic dishonesty was intentional, it is the fact that is addressed not the intent.

Therefore, breaches of this policy may well result in the International Baccalaureate refusing to grant a Diploma; therefore, appropriate attention should be given to this matter.