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AI in schools and colleges: what you need to know

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Everything you need to know about how AI can transform education.

More information on Generative artificial intelligence (AI) in education can be found in the DFE's policy paper.

Using AI in education: support for school and college leaders

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Support materials to help schools and colleges use AI (artificial intelligence) safely and effectively.

Contents

1. Materials for all school and college staff
2. Materials for school and college leaders

Free support materials for staff in schools and colleges, developed by the Chiltern Learning Trust (CLT) and Chartered College of Teaching (CCT), to support the safe and effective use of generative AI in education.

The materials balance the need for staff and student safety with the opportunities AI creates. They feature:

- activity focused slides

- video presentations with accompanying transcripts

- summaries of the information presented

- activities to consolidate knowledge, such as multiple-choice questions

- templates to help you reflect and plan

You can work through the modules to build your knowledge and experience as you go.

They can also be adapted:

- for individual or group use

- to suit your own needs and levels of experience

Module 3 should be used regardless of your level of experience as it contains important safety considerations.

The Chartered College of Teaching have also provided additional materials including:

- a free online journal on AI

- a range of case studies demonstrating how schools and colleges are using AI safely and effectively

- a free multiple-choice assessment providing Chartered College certification based on the training materials

Materials for all school and college staff

Understanding AI in education: module 1

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Interacting with generative AI in education: module 2

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Safe use of generative AI in education: module 3

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Use cases of generative AI in education: module 4

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Stay cyber secure

Are you taking action to meet the Department for Education's cyber security standards for schools and colleges? By meeting these standards, schools and colleges can increase their cyber resilience and help protect their students' data.

The Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) has also published guidance for centres on cyber security.

The National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) have also provided schools with a cyber security offer of actionable advice, guidance and tools, including a free cyber security training package specifically tailored for school and college staff. The training includes hints and tips on password creation and management, multi-factor authentication, and protecting against phishing threats.

Alongside this, schools can sign up for a free cyber defence service which helps block online threats such as malware, ransomware, and phishing attacks.

Read Department for Education's cyber security standards

Updated rules and guidance on artificial intelligence (AI) use in assessments

The Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) has updated its rules and guidance on AI Use in Assessments for teachers and assessors.

It clarifies rules on students' use of AI and has been updated to provide additional resources and clarify the roles of teachers, centres, and senior leaders in monitoring AI use and ensuring the authenticity of student work.

  JCQ has also developed additional materials (including posters and information sheets) for students, teachers and senior leaders.

Read the guidance