

Benefits and risks of students using Generative AI.

With any technology there is always benefits and risks to understand and take into account... especially where students are involved! Use this factsheet as part of your ongoing staff training and awareness.

Benefits

Assist creativity - Use across subjects by summarising key concepts, providing research support, and identifying relationships between varied information. This can be used across a number of subjects including English, Art and Music.

Instant communication - Providing real-time translation or dictation tools.

Virtual teaching assistance - Providing homework support, answer questions and supplement classroom instructions.

Preparing them for future technology which is ever-changing - Encouraging and supporting use provides them with a new adaptable skill set.

Risks

Unequal access and opportunity- There will be students who already have access to AI systems outside of school and those who don't. This needs to be considered and ensure all students are provided sufficient support when using.

Overreliance - Students becoming dependent on the system to support their work and learning. Lack of engagement with teachers and peers which may cause de-motivation.

Plagiarism and cheating - Students directly copying information provided by AI and submitting it as their own original work.

Access to inappropriate content and use - Using AI tools to manipulate media to impersonate others for bullying and harassment.