April/May Take-Home Exams:

Message on Academic Misconduct to All Students, (30 March 2021)

Many of you are doing a “Take-Home Assessment” or “Take-Home Exam” in one or more courses over the next month.

Support Available

The University understands that undertaking assessments at this time can be particularly stressful for a number of reasons. We want to support you throughout this period and therefore want to remind you that you may contact the Student Advice Hub, the Student Well-Being Services, your Personal Tutor or your course leader for advice and support.

Cheating

We also want to remind all students that these important assessments must be your own work. You should not therefore engage in discussing or sharing solutions or answers with anyone else either directly or via online websites.

The University has a very strict policy on cheating, including contract cheating which can be found at: https://www.hw.ac.uk/uk/services/docs/learning-teaching/policies/contract-cheating-studentguide.pdf

We are aware that in some of the assessments/exams, students have posted the questions on websites that proclaim to help with answers; previous cases have been investigated and led to severe penalties being imposed on those students who engaged with those websites (i.e. not only the person(s) who posted the question(s), but anyone found to have accessed it as well).

Cases of academic misconduct are treated seriously by the University as disciplinary offences and the University will use all means available to identify those students who seek to cheat in their assessments/examinations. A range of penalties, up to and including expulsion from the University, are available under our disciplinary procedures.

Further Information

Further information about all forms of cheating (what they are and how to avoid them) and penalties can be found in the Student Guides to Take-Home Exam. If you have been approached by someone about, or you know of someone engaged in, an act of potential cheating, please contact in confidence the University Student Conduct Office (conduct@hw.ac.uk) or the Student Advice Hub (advice.hub@hw.ac.uk)