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# The other day in the cafeteria - rumours about plagiarism

In order to inform and educate students (and staff), we have collected these common rumours, myths/questions and drafted possible answers. We react to them in a FAQ-like scheme.

## I’ve heard…

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