Understanding young people's knowledge, attitudes and behaviours towards tech careers

Dear parents, carers and students

We are writing to let you know that your child's school is participating in the development of a new survey that will help us to understand young people's views about, and interest in having, a career in Tech.

The project is being delivered by the National Foundation for Educational Research (NFER) and funded by The Hg Foundation.

What does the project involve for my child?
In February or May, your child will complete an anonymous online survey. The survey will ask them questions about how interested they are in, and what they think about having, a career in tech. For analysis purposes, they will also be asked to provide their gender as part of the survey. All survey responses will be treated confidentially, we won't be able to identify your child from their answers, and their school won't see their responses either. Your child's school will administer the survey to students at an appropriate time during the school day.

Why is my child being asked to participate?
We are inviting Year 10 students to participate in the survey. Your child's school has selected them to take part. By participating, they will be contributing to the development of a survey that will enable educational researchers to explore the impact of tech focused programmes on young people for decades to come. The development may not directly impact your child today but will contribute significantly to enabling access to life-changing career opportunities for thousands of young people who are currently missing out.

We ask that your child completes the survey openly and honestly so that the survey questions are fully tested, and we understand how best to measure young people's knowledge of and interest in the tech industry.

Data protection and privacy
As the survey is anonymous, we are not able to match responses to individuals. Some basic data about your child will be collected when they complete the survey (i.e. gender), along with their opinions about tech and careers. All responses will be kept strictly confidential, stored in the UK on our secure servers and only used for developing the survey. NFER complies with GDPR requirements and has robust GDPR procedures in place.

NFER will not hold any personally identifiable pupil data. If you do not want your child to participate in this survey, please inform your child's school using the withdrawal form below.

Once your child submits their survey responses, the data is not personally identifiable, so cannot be removed or corrected, and will be included in the survey data.   No pupil or school will be named in any report arising from this work.

Who can I contact for further information?
If you have any queries, please contact the member of staff at your school who gave you this information sheet.

Further information about this project can be found on the project web page https://www.nfer.ac.uk/for-schools/participate-in-research/participate-in-research-projects/understanding-young-people-s-knowledge-attitudes-and-behaviours-towards-tech-careers/

Thank you for your help, on behalf of NFER, the Hg Foundation and all of our research and project team. Thank you for letting us make a difference.

Yours sincerely,

NFER

Withdrawal form

You only need to complete this form if you **DO NOT** wish your child's survey data to be shared, stored and used for this project. Please return this form to the member of school staff who gave you this information sheet.

I DO **NOT** give permission for child to participate in the survey.

Your child's name	
Name of school	
Your full name	
Your signature	
Date	

Instructions to schools:
- If this form is returned to you **before** the survey has been administered to this pupil, **do not** administer the survey to the pupil. No further action needs to be taken.
- If the form is returned to you **after** the survey has been administered to this pupil, please contact NFER via the email address in the school information sheet.