

Our Ref: 020/18

2nd February 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

This year we have been working alongside Professor David Putwain of Liverpool John Moores University, who is running a research project aimed at assisting students who might benefit from support with any stress or anxiety related to examinations. Professor Putwain has delivered an assembly to students and his team have been working with some of our Y11 students over the past few weeks.

Part of the research project involved data collection, and Professor Putwain has asked if we would participate, by asking students to complete a questionnaire during registration time. The questionnaire asks students about their experiences of doing exams along with some general questions about wellbeing.

While questionnaires are voluntary and answers are anonymous, we have been asked if we could release future English and Mathematics GCSE results to the research team in order for them to correlate some of the questionnaire answers with GCSE attainment. Students would only be identified by their exam candidate number, and the data would be treated confidentially. All elements of the study have received ethical approval from LJMU's Research Ethics Committee.

If you **do not** wish your child to take part in the study, please would you complete the reply slip below and return it to us at school on or before **Monday 19th February**.

Yours faithfully



Dr D Silverstone
Designated Safeguarding Lead and Director of Pastoral Care

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REPLY SLIP TO: *Dr D Silverstone, Liverpool John Moores University Research Project*

Name: _____ Form: _____

I do not wish my child to take part in the above study

Signed: _____ (parent/carers) Date: _____