



WHAT WILL I BE ASKED ABOUT?

The survey will ask a range of questions about what you have been doing in the last year. Young people will be asked about their views on school or college if they still attend, any work or training that they do, family life, what they do in their spare time, and their plans for the future.

Parents and guardians will be asked about their perspectives on these topics too. They will also be asked household details such as their employment status and about family life, health and wellbeing, and how the increase in cost of living might have affected them.

HOW WAS I CHOSEN FOR THIS STUDY?

For the first stage of the study, the names and addresses of young people who attended state schools were selected at random from the National Pupil Database, a database kept by the Department for Education. A sample of independent schools invited selected pupils to participate and were sent an invitation directly. The Horizons team have been given permission to use these details for the purpose of this research only.

For each young person selected to take part, we have also invited one of their parents or guardians to participate. We will be seeking to contact all young people and their parents who took part at the first stage, as well as any parents who did not have an opportunity to participate at the first stage.

WHERE CAN I FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE HORIZONS STUDY?

Further information for young people taking part in the Horizons study is available at www.horizonsresearch.co.uk/youngpeople

Further information for parents and guardians taking part in the Horizons study is available at www.horizonsresearch.co.uk/parents

If you have any questions or concerns, or don't want to receive any more letters, please contact Kantar Public on Freephone **0800 051 0889** or email at horizonsresearch@kantar.com. Please include the reference number found on the letter that was sent with this leaflet.

Alternatively, you can contact the research team at UCL by emailing horizons.study@ucl.ac.uk

WHAT IF I WANT TO GET SUPPORT ABOUT THE TOPICS IN THE SURVEY?

If you are worried about any of the issues covered in this survey, there are sources of help and support such as the ones below. More are available at www.horizonsresearch.co.uk/support

The Mix
(0808 808 4994) www.themix.org.uk

Support for young people on a wide range of issues including relationships, health, money, safety, work and study.

Family Lives
(0808 800 2222) www.familylives.org.uk

Support on a range of family issues including parenting, school and relationships.

Citizens Advice
(0800 144 8848) www.citizensadvice.org.uk

General issues including benefits, housing, debt and consumer issues.

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LOOKING BEYOND COVID-19



KEEP US UP TO DATE WITH YOUR LIFE

THE SECOND HORIZONS STUDY

The Horizons team is carrying out the second stage of a major new research study seeking to understand how young people's lives have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The first stage of the study conducted last year involved over 13,000 people your age, and also in most cases one of their parents or guardians.

Horizons is one of the largest and most important studies among young people in England. By taking part in the Horizons study, you will be helping the government, teachers, and education leaders to better understand how they can support this specific group of young people who were affected by the pandemic in the years to come.

WHO IS CARRYING OUT THE RESEARCH?

The Horizons study is being led by University College London (UCL) and the Sutton Trust, with support from the Department for Education. The study is funded by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) with additional funding from the Sutton Trust. The data collection is being carried out in accordance with the MRS Code of Conduct by Kantar Public, an independent research agency. Further information about Kantar Public can be found at www.kantarpublic.com

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DO WE BOTH HAVE TO TAKE PART?

No. The decision to take part is entirely up to you. However, because we can't replace you with anyone else, we would really appreciate your participation.

The information collected in the survey will be most valuable if both the chosen young person and their parent or guardian takes part. However, if only one of you is able or willing to complete the survey, the information you provide will still be very helpful to the research team.

You may decline to answer any questions or withdraw your participation in the study at any time by contacting the helpline.

HOW DO I COLLECT THE VOUCHER?

As a thank you for taking part, everyone who participates will be offered an e-gift voucher after completing the survey. This will be provided via an online platform; once you have completed the survey online, there will be a link to the provider's website. Once there, you will be able to choose from a range of different vouchers. Instructions will be provided at the end of the survey and you can claim your voucher instantly.

WILL YOU BE CONTACTING ME AGAIN?

Yes, if you are happy for us to. We plan to contact young people again over the next few years so we can better understand your experiences and opinions in the future. You will receive another voucher each time to thank you for your help.

At the end of the survey we will ask if you are happy to update your contact details such as your email address and phone number to help us get in touch with you again. Your name and contact details would only be retained for research purposes.

Parents may also be contacted again to help get in touch with the young person if they have moved away or changed their details, or vice versa. If you are re-contacted for future research, there will be no obligation for you to take part if you don't wish to.

IS THE SURVEY CONFIDENTIAL?

Yes. The information you provide will be treated in strict confidence and stored securely in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018 and General Data Protection Regulation. Your answers will be anonymised and combined with those given by other participants, so no one will be individually identifiable from their answers in reports and analysis.

The Horizons study has been reviewed and approved by the research ethics committee of IOE, UCL's Faculty of Education and Society and has the support of the Government's Department for Education.

HOW CAN I COMPLETE THE SURVEY?

The survey can be completed online, and you can access it on a computer, tablet, or smartphone. It will take around 30 minutes to complete depending on your answers. Separate login details for young people, and their parent or guardian, can be found in the letter that was sent with this leaflet. Please use the relevant details to login and complete the survey at www.horizonsresearch.co.uk/survey

DATA LINKAGE & PROTECTION INFORMATION

To better understand the data collected in the Horizons study, we would like to link information about participating young people held in various administrative records to their answers. This does not apply to parents or guardians. We will provide you with further information and ask for your permission to do this at the end of the survey. Whether you agree is entirely optional. You can withdraw permission at any time by contacting the Horizons helpline on **0800 051 0889** or email horizonsresearch@kantar.com

The data controller for the Horizons study will be University College London (UCL). The data protection privacy notice, as well as general privacy notices for UCL, can be found on the Privacy Notice section on the Horizons study website at www.horizonsresearch.co.uk/privacy

The data will be made available to researchers through the UK Data Service or similar organisation.