

YOUR LIFE YOUR FUTURE

WHY AM I BEING INVITED?

You were selected to represent thousands of others like you in England who were in Year 11 in 2020/2021, and you took part in the first wave of the survey in 2021 and the second wave in 2023. At the end of the previous survey, you told us you would be happy for us to contact you again this year to find out how your attitudes and plans may have changed since 2023, and what you have been doing since then. Your participation will help us learn about the experiences and views of young people as they enter adult life.

WHO IS IT FOR?

The survey is being conducted on behalf of King's College London by Verian (formerly Kantar Public), an independent research company, which also conducted the first two waves of the survey. For more information about what we do please have a look at our website www.veriangroup.com/



WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE SURVEY?

This major survey is following over 5,000 young people across England over three waves to help us understand how education, well-being and careers support can be improved for young people such as yourself. We are about to start the third and final wave of the study. The

questions you will be asked will explore your attitudes to work and education, your plans for the future, and your values and aspirations. The questions will also collect demographic information such as your gender and family background.

WHERE DID YOU GET MY CONTACT DETAILS FROM?

You were selected from the National Pupil Database to represent thousands of others like you in England who were in Year 11 in 2020/2021 and you took part in the first wave of the survey in 2021 and the second wave in 2023. The National Pupil Database is kept by the Government's Department for Education. We have been given permission by the Department for Education to use your details only for this research.

When you took part in the survey in 2023, you told us that you would be happy to help us again this year.

IS THE SURVEY CONFIDENTIAL?

Yes. Your answers and personal details will be kept private and will be stored securely by Verian. Your answers will be anonymous and will be combined with the responses from over 5,000 other young people. You will not receive any 'junk mail' as a result of taking part.



HOW IS THE SURVEY BEING FUNDED?

This research is being funded by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) which is part of UK Research and Innovation (UKRI). They are the UK's largest organisation for funding research on economic and social issues.

HOW WILL MY DATA BE STORED AND PROTECTED?

Your data will be processed in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018 and UK General Data Protection Legislation. It will be stored on Verian's secure servers. If you would like more information about how your data will be processed and stored please look at Verian's Privacy Policy: www.ylyfsurvey.com



HOW CAN I COMPLETE THE SURVEY?

The survey can be completed online, and you can access the survey on your computer, tablet or smartphone. Please use your survey login details in the letter that was sent with this leaflet or via the email you received. The survey will take

around 20 minutes to complete depending on your answers. If you cannot do the survey online for any reason, please get in touch with us using the contact details below and we will try to find another way for you to take part.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE RESULTS OF THE SURVEY?

An anonymised version of the data (containing no information which identifies anybody who took part) will be given to researchers at King's College London for them to conduct the analysis of the survey. They will write up the results of the research in internal and published reports and academic publications, such as journal articles, conference papers and presentations in which it will be impossible to identify anybody who took part. Additionally, the anonymised data will be published at the end of the project in the UK Data Archive. You can find out more about the archive at this link: www.data-archive.ac.uk

To better understand the data collected in the study, we would like to link information about you held by the Department for Education to your survey answers. 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 – it does not affect your participation in the rest of the study. You can withdraw permission at any time by contacting Verian on freephone 0800 015 2476 or email YourLife.YourFuture@veriangroup.com





WILL YOU BE CONTACTING ME AGAIN?

We have now reached the end of this three-wave study but occasionally we need to speak to people again about the answers given in this survey. If you are happy to help us again then there may also be follow up research related to this study. However, if at any point you would prefer us not to contact you again, please do let us know using the contact details below, or at the end of the survey.

WHO SHOULD I CONTACT FOR FURTHER INFORMATION?

If you have any questions or concerns, or don't want to receive any more letters, or if you would like to update your contact details, please contact us at Verian on Freephone 0800 015 2476 or by emailing us at YourLife.YourFuture@veriangroup.com

Please include the reference number found on the letter and/or email.

Alternatively, you can contact the research team at King's College London by emailing YLYFSurvey@kcl.ac.uk

HOW DO I COLLECT THE VOUCHER?

Once you have completed the survey online, you will be shown a link to the 'Merit' website where you will be able to choose from a range of different shopping vouchers. If you have any questions about redeeming your voucher, you can get in touch with us on YourLife.YourFuture@veriangroup.com.

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 which you might find useful:

Samaritans: Confidential listening service - 'a safe place for you to talk any time you like' www.samaritans.org or you can call: 116 123

Shout: Provides free, confidential text message support for anyone struggling to cope. Text 'Shout' to 85258

Every Mind Matters: Expert advice and practical tips to help you look after your mental health and wellbeing, including sleep, self-care, and dealing with change www.nhs.uk/every-mind-matters/

It is also possible this survey has prompted you to want to look for information or advice about jobs, careers, or planning for the future. If so, you may find the following websites helpful:

Youth Employment UK: provides careers advice and practical support for young people through education, transition into employment and beyond www.youthemployment.org.uk

National Careers Service: provides careers information, advice and guidance <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/>