



6<sup>th</sup> June, 2018

Dear Parent / Carer,

Your child is being invited to take part in a research study to find out more about students' experiences of taking tests and exams. The research is being undertaken by Professor Dave Putwain of the Faculty of Education, Health and Community at Liverpool John Moores University.

### 1. What is the purpose of the study?

As you know, some people struggle with stress when taking tests and exams. It is important for teachers, schools, psychologists and other professionals to be able to provide the right support for students who may experience a high degree of stress. In order to do so, it is necessary to have a questionnaire that we can use to ask students about their experiences of taking tests and examinations. The purpose of this project is to evaluate a new questionnaire about exam stress that will be used in the future to help to provide student support. This will include examining how questionnaire scores relate to wellbeing and achievement. Bridgewater High School staff have agreed to work with Liverpool John Moores University to develop this new questionnaire.

### 2. Does your son, daughter, or child in care have to take part?

No. It is up to you and your child to decide whether or not to take part in the study. Questionnaires will be completed during an allocated slot in school time. If your son, daughter, or child in care does not participate, they will be given an alternative activity by their class teacher.

### 3. What will happen to son, daughter, or child in care if they take part?

They will be asked to complete a questionnaire (this will take about 15 mins).

### 4. Are there any risks / benefits involved? No.

### 5. Will your son, daughter or child in care taking part in the study be kept confidential?

Yes. We do not ask for your name or any other personal information. Questionnaires are anonymous and are treated confidentially.

If you **do not wish** for your child to participate in this study, please complete the attached form and return it to Mrs. Lamb in the lower school office.

**This study has received ethical approval from LJMU's Research Ethics Committee: 17/EDC/001**



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If you have any concerns regarding your child’s involvement in this research, please feel free to contact me. Alternatively, you may wish to contact Professor David Putwain directly, via the email address provided above.

Yours faithfully,

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**Please detach and return this completed slip to Mrs. Lamb in the lower school office if you DO NOT wish your child to complete the survey. Alternatively, complete the details below and email to [e.lamb@bridgewaterhigh.com](mailto:e.lamb@bridgewaterhigh.com)**

**Title of Project :** Developing a questionnaire to find out more about students’ experiences of doing tests and exams

**Name of Researcher and School/Faculty** Professor Dave Putwain, School of Education, Faculty of Education, Health and Community

I have read the information sheet about this project and I have decided that I **do not** want my child to participate in this study.

NAME OF YOUR CHILD :
YOUR NAME :
DATE :

