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## Information for parents/carers about the student health and wellbeing survey

Dear Parent/Carer,

Our school is a member of the Schools Health and Wellbeing Research Network, a collaboration between schools and eight universities across London. The purpose of the network is to develop research of the highest quality, to improve outcomes for children and young people. This March, as members of the Network, we are carrying out an online survey with students in year 9 about their health and wellbeing.

Our goal is to gain a better understanding of our students' health and wellbeing so that we can improve the support we provide them, both through the topics we cover in lessons and via Student Services. Students in year 9 will complete the questionnaire during a lesson in the coming weeks. The survey will cover a range of topics, such as exercise, diet, bullying and smoking. You can see the questionnaire and more information about it on the school website.

Great efforts have been taken to ensure that the information gathered through the survey is confidential and the data are securely stored. Your child will not enter their name into the survey. Instead they will receive a unique ID code that the school will not know. Once the survey has been completed, we will be given access to charts that summarise the results for the whole year group and will be able to break down some of the data. It will NOT be possible for us to identify individuals in the data.

In addition to our school, researchers that are members of the Network will have access to the data from the survey to assist with projects that they are carrying out or to inform proposals for future research. Like the school, they will not be able to identify individuals from the dataset.

If you are happy for your child to take part in the survey, you need take no further action. If you or your child have questions or concerns about the survey, please contact Tom Mann at Hendon School, 0208 202 9004 ext. 253, [mannt@hendonschool.co.uk](mailto:mannt@hendonschool.co.uk) before the 24<sup>th</sup> of March. Students who do not wish to complete the survey, or whose parents do not want them to, will be provided with other learning activities to do.

Many thanks for your support.