

## **Attitude to school/college and higher education study**

### **Information for participating students**

Aimhigher Greater Merseyside is a partnership that aims to inspire young people to continue into higher education.

We are conducting a study about what young people think about school and higher education. You have been invited to take part in the study.

You will be asked to complete two questionnaires, one now (this one!) and one at the end of 2007. In between, you may take part in some Aimhigher activities – we will ask you about this at the second stage of the study.

Although we will ask you to give your name, this is only so we can match up the questionnaires you complete. We will treat your responses in strictest confidence and won't be reporting who said what when we write up our report.

If you have any questions about the study, or if you would like to withdraw your response at a later date, please contact Laura Grant at Aimhigher Greater Merseyside on [l.grant@liv.ac.uk](mailto:l.grant@liv.ac.uk) or 0151 794 1313.

**Firstly, please tell us some information about yourself**

Your name ..... (to match up the questionnaires only)

Your age..... Your year group..... Your gender (M/F).....

**Please circle what you feel best describes your racial/ethnic identity**

<b>Asian</b>				
<b>Indian</b>				
<b>Pakistani</b>	Mirpuri Pakistani	Pakistani Kashmiri	Pakistani	Other
<b>Bangladeshi</b>				
<b>Any Other Asian Background</b>	African Asian Sri Lankan	Kashmiri Other Tamil	Nepali Other Asian	Sinhalese
<b>Black - Caribbean</b>				
<b>Black - African</b>	Angolan Sierra Leonian Other Black African	Ghanaian Somali	Congolese Sudanese	Nigerian
<b>Any Other Black Background</b>	Black European	Black North American	Other Black	
<b>Chinese</b>	Hong Kong Chinese Taiwanese	Malaysian Chinese Other Chinese	Singaporean Chinese	
<b>Mixed/Dual/Multi Heritage Background</b>	Black Caribbean and White Asian and White White and Any Other Asian Background		Black African and White Indian and White	
<b>Any Other Mixed Background</b>	Asian and Black Group Black and Chinese Chinese and White White and Any Other Ethnic Group		Asian and Chinese Black and Any Other Ethnic Group Chinese and Any Other Ethnic Group Other Mixed Background	
<b>White – British</b>	White - English Other White British	White - Scottish	White – Welsh	
<b>Any Other White Background</b>	Albanian Greek Portuguese Cypriot Gypsy / Roma White European White Other	Bosnian-Herzegovinian Greek Cypriot Serbian White African White – Irish	Italian Turkish White Asian Traveller of Irish Heritage	Croatian Kosovan Turkish
<b>Any other background</b>	Afghan Iranian Kurdish Libyan Polynesian Other Ethnic Group	Arab Other Iraqi Latin/ South/ Central American Malay Thai Vietnamese	Egyptian Japanese Moroccan	Filipino Korean Lebanese Yemeni

Do you consider yourself to be a Disabled person? (Y/N).....

If so, please specify the nature of your impairment.....

## School and higher education questionnaire

We would like to ask you some questions about what you think of school. We would also like to ask you what you think about studying in a university, college or institute of higher education. Most people studying at university or college (not sixth form college) are over 18 and aiming for a degree, higher national diploma, certificate of higher education or similar. Studying at this level is called **higher education**.

To complete this questionnaire please tick the box which is closest to your response. The questionnaires are anonymous, so please answer honestly!

<b>These statements are about school/college:</b>	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
1. I really want to do well at school/college	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. My friends aren't really interested in school/college	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. I find it difficult to get myself motivated to study	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. My friends want to do well at school/college	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Overall, I enjoy school/college	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. I often discuss my school/college work with members of my family	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. I find school/college boring	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### 8. At what age are you currently planning to leave full time education?

- 16            i.e. at the end of Year 11
- 17            e.g. at the end of Year 12
- 18            e.g. at the end of Year 13
- 20+          e.g. after college or higher education/university
- Don't know

