

# The Harefield Academy

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## JUNIOR UNIVERSITY 2017 Parental Permission Letter

Dear Parent/Carer,

Our school is taking part in a national programme for Year 10 students called Junior University, run by education charity Transformation Trust in partnership with Which? University.

You can read more about the Transformation Trust and Which? University here: [www.transformationtrust.org.uk](http://www.transformationtrust.org.uk) and [www.university.which.co.uk](http://www.university.which.co.uk).

Junior University involves pairs of undergraduates from Roehampton University coming into our school to run a university-style project with 90 of our Year 10 students, including your child. This will be happening on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2017. At the end of the programme, the students will be visiting Roehampton University for a Celebration Day. This will be held on Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

Junior University will give your child a real flavour of what university life is like, alongside free, independent information from Which? University. University isn't for everyone, but Junior University will provide your child with the support, confidence, and information they need to help them make the right decision based on a real experience of what university can be like.

As part of Junior University, the Policy Evaluation and Research Unit at Manchester Metropolitan University (a.k.a. PERU) will be conducting an independent evaluation on how taking part in Junior University impacts on your child, including how much more they know about university, their attitude towards university, and their attainment in school in the future.

Your child will be asked to fill in a survey before they take part in Junior University and after. The information they provide in the survey will be held securely by PERU and will not be shared with anyone else. After the first survey a small number of children will be asked to take part in a face-to-face follow up interview. This will be conducted by a researcher from PERU either in school or while your child is attending the University Celebration day.



In order to be able to carry out the research, PERU require that the school shares your child's name, date of birth, and postcode.

This information will only be used by PERU to cross-reference your child's survey responses with their Unique Learner Number in the National Pupil Database and the Higher Education Statistics Agency database. Your child will not be named or identifiable in any report that comes from this research.

You can read more about the National Pupil Database and the Higher Education Statistics Agency database here:

[www.gov.uk/government/collections/national-pupil-database](http://www.gov.uk/government/collections/national-pupil-database) and [www.hesa.ac.uk](http://www.hesa.ac.uk)

In order for your child to take part in Junior University we need your permission for PERU to carry out this research. Please sign below to indicate that you give permission for our school to share the specified information with PERU, and for your child to participate in a survey and possible follow-up interview conducted by PERU. Deadline for the return of the slip is Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

I hereby give my permission for the school to share my child's name, date of birth, and postcode with PERU for the purpose of evaluating the impact of the Junior University programme. I also give permission for my child to participate in a survey, and possibly a follow-up interview with PERU.

My child's full name: .....

My child's date of birth: .....

My child's postcode: .....

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Parent/Carer Signature

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Parent/Carer Name (please use capitals)

If you have any questions please contact myself or the Transformation Trust ([info@transformationtrust.org.uk](mailto:info@transformationtrust.org.uk) / 0207 148 0934).

Yours sincerely,

Mrs O. Owusu-Appiah  
Standards & Achievement Leader – Year 10