

Dear Head teacher,

As you will be aware at this time of year as a Local Authority we work with schools to gather Year 11 Intended Destinations. This is a statutory requirement for the Department of Education and an important part of the preparations for the Raising of the Participation Age (RPA).

Ensuring that data is gathered for all learners will help learners progress appropriately and mean schools can better understand which students require additional support.

From 2015 RPA requires students to remain in some form of learning until they are 18, so this year the Intended Destinations Survey not only asks students their plans at the end of Year 11 but also if they are planning to take a one year option, what they are considering doing in Yr. 13. In doing so the survey will aim to raise awareness amongst students of RPA which is a key strategic objective of all relevant partners in Norfolk as part of 11-19 Education and Training Strategy Group.

In order to make the process as easy as possible this year, we are asking Year 11 students to complete an online survey via Smart Survey. This should only take each young person a few minutes to do and will mean no further administration for the school to undertake as the returns are automatically collated. The survey link is: <http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/year11questionnaire>

We would kindly request that all your Year 11 students will have completed this survey by the end of February. We will then feedback to you the results by student and collated together for your whole school. If, however you foresee a problem with this method of data collection please could you contact Mark Horton at the earliest opportunity to discuss an alternative process involving completion of a spreadsheet and if required paper questionnaires.

Mark Horton can be contacted on Tel 01603 638464 or email: mark.horton@norfolk.gov.uk

Yours faithfully,

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