Research Ethics Approval Form

All students conducting research activity that involves human participants or the use of data collected from human participants are required to gain ethical approval before commencing their research. Please answer all relevant questions and note that your form may be returned if incomplete.

For further support and guidance please see your respective Unit Tutor.

**Before completing this form, we advise that you discuss your proposed research fully with your Unit Tutor. Please complete this form in good time before your research project is due to commence.**

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| **Section One: Basic details**      Project title: ....................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................  “Are technology companies responsible for the health, safety and wellbeing of users?”  ....................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................    Student name: Aaron Mascarenahas ...........................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................    Student number: 40082366  ...............................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................    Programme: BTEC Computing HND Year 2 : Unit 13 - Project  ..................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................    School: Uxbridge College in Hayes  ....................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................    Intended research start date: 8/10/19  ......................................................................................................................................................................... ....................................................................................    ⌧𐲡𐲡𐳡𐳡🗆🗆🗆🗆🗆Intended research end date: 20/05/20  ........................................................................................... |
| **Section Two: Project summary**    Please select all research methods that you plan to use as part of your project:    • Interviews    • Questionnaires ✔    • Observations    • Use of personal records ✔    • Data analysis ✔    • Action research    • Focus groups    • Other (please specify): Articles, Official News Websites, Research blogs ✔................................................................................................................................................................................. |
| **Section Three: Participants**    Please answer the following questions, giving full details where necessary.  Will your research involve human participants?  - Yes  Who are the participants? Tick all that apply:    Children aged 12–16: \_✔\_  Young people aged 17–18: \_✔\_  Adults: \_✔\_  How will participants be recruited (identified and approached)?  - Through interviews, Questionnaire, verbal communication.  Describe the processes you will use to inform participants about what you are doing:  - Introducing ourselves  - Introduce them to the topic  - Taking their interview  - Giving them time to reflect  - Taking their opinion  - Making them fill out a questionnaire  - Signing out a consent form  - Concluding the Interview  How will you obtain consent from participants? Will this be written? How will it be made clear to participants that they may withdraw consent to participate at any time?  - The participants have to fill out a consent form in the form of a document or an online form where they could withdraw if they wish to do so at any given time if they feel to do so.    **Studies involving questionnaires:**    Will participants be given the option of omitting questions they do not wishto answer?    Yes: \_✔,\_ No: \_\_  If No please explain why below and ensure that you cover any ethical issues arising from this:      **Studies involving observation:**    Confirm whether participants will be asked for their informed consent to be observed.    Yes: \_\_  No: \_\_  Will you debrief participants at the end of their participation (i.e. give them a brief explanation of the study)?  Yes: \_\_  No: \_\_  Will participants be given information about the findings of your study? (This could be a brief summary of your findings in general.)    Yes: \_\_  No: \_\_  **Section Four: Data storage and security**    Confirm that all personal data will be stored and processed in compliance with the Data Protection Act (1998):  Yes: \_✔,\_  No: \_\_    Who will have access to the data and personal information?  - Only the interviewer will have access to the data and personal information.  **During the research:**  Where will the data be stored?  - With the Google drive  Will mobile devices (such as USB storage and laptops) be used?    Yes: \_\_  No: \_✔,\_    If yes, please provide further details:    **After the research:**    Where will the data be stored?  - The data may be removed if the interviewee wishes for it, or it may be achieved with the interviewer.    How long will the data and records be kept for and in what format?  - It will be stored until the end of the year and will then be deleted after. It will be stored in the form of a word document.    Will data be kept for use by other researchers?    Yes: \_\_  No: \_✔,\_ |
| *If yes, please provide further details:*  **Section Five: Ethical issues**    Are there any particular features of your proposed work which may raise ethical concerns? If so, please outline how you will deal with these:    It is important that you demonstrate your awareness of potential risks that may arise as a result of your research. Please consider/address all issues that may apply. Ethical concerns may include, but are not limited to the following:     * Informed consent. * Potentially vulnerable participants. * Sensitive topics. * Risks to participants and/or researchers. * Confidentiality/anonymity. * Disclosures/limits to confidentiality. * Data storage and security, both during and after the research (including transfer, sharing, encryption, protection). * Reporting. * Dissemination and use of your findings. |
| **Section Six: Declaration**    I have read, understood and will abide by *[UxbridgeCollege]* Research Ethics Policy:  Yes: \_✔,\_  No: \_\_  I have discussed the ethical issues relating to my research with my Unit Tutor:  Yes: \_✔,\_  No: \_\_  **I confirm that to the best of my knowledge:**    The above information is correct and that this is a full description of the ethics issues that may arise in the course of my research.    Name: Aaron Mascarenhas  .........................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................  Date: 20/12/19  ...................................................................................    **Please submit your completed form to:**  Mrs Kam Baht .................................................................................................................................................................................................................................. |