

# CONSENT FORM FOR ADULTS

for

## *The Impact of Graphing Software in Educational Visualisations*

### Participation and Data Security

The study is completely **voluntary**. Participants are welcome to **withdraw at any time without a reason**. If you wish to withdraw later on in the study, please note that **once data has been anonymised it cannot be withdrawn**. Also, if data is submitted anonymously (like through an anonymous survey), it cannot be withdrawn even before the anonymisation date. **Your data and participation is completely confidential**. If you are a child, your school will have been informed that your participation may not be tracked. No risks of the study are foreseen.

### About the Study

The study will begin with a short survey about your experiences with graphing software (if you join later on in the study, this may not be applicable). After the software has been developed, participants will read a short essay, then go through a set of tasks on the provided software. Afterwards, there will be a survey that participants should complete regarding their experiences. This can be done at your own pace, in your own time, and will not be recorded in any way, it is expected to take around 30 minutes.

### Data Usage

The findings of the study will be used to look at how the use of graphing software, specifically engineered for A-Level students and Undergraduates, can improve a student's understanding of a topic. All data submitted to the study and your participation is strictly confidential. The names and emails of participants will be recorded and stored on a secure server prior to the end of the study, where it will be deleted. The names and emails of participants will be used solely for communication about the study. All findings will be submitted anonymously via surveys run by a secure University of Bristol account. The findings will be stored privately on this account, on a secure server. After the study, the anonymous data will be archived on a secure server only accessible to researchers upon their request.

**Please answer the following questions to the best of your knowledge**

**Have you:**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Been given information explaining about the study?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Had an opportunity to ask questions and discuss this study?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Received satisfactory answers to all questions you asked?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Received enough information about the study for you to make a decision about your participation?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Do you understand that:**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
You are free to withdraw from the study at any time?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
You are free to withdraw from the study without reason?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Data submitted anonymously cannot be withdrawn even before the date of anonymisation?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Data cannot be withdrawn after the date of anonymisation on 30/04/2021?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Your anonymised data may be used for future research?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**I hereby fully and freely consent to my participation in this study**

**Name**  
**in BLOCK CAPITALS:**

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**Signature:**

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**Date:**

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If you have any concerns related to your participation in this study, please direct them to the Faculty of Engineering Research Ethics Committee, via the Research Governance Team; *research-governance@bristol.ac.uk*.