

INFORMATION SHEET FOR PARTICIPANTS

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YOU WILL BE GIVEN A COPY OF THIS INFORMATION SHEET

Title of study

How is cross disciplinary Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) teaching enacted in 4 secondary schools in Ningbo, Zhejiang China?

Invitation Paragraph

I would like to invite you to participate in this research project which forms part of my MA STEM education research. Before you decide whether you want to take part, it is important for you to understand why the research is being done and what your participation will involve. Please take time to read the following information carefully and discuss it with others if you wish. Ask me if there is anything that is not clear or if you would like more information.

What is the purpose of the project?

The purpose of the project is to learn about the current situation and challenges of enacting STEM education at 4 secondary schools in Ningbo, an economically and educationally developed city in Zhejiang province.

Why have I been invited to take part?

You are being invited to participate in this project because you teach STEM at high achieving secondary schools in Ningbo which based on government data has students who achieve highly in STEM.

What will happen if I take part?

If you agree to take part, you will complete a survey anonymously. The survey will ask you questions about your attitude towards STEM Education. The survey will take you approximately 15-25mins to complete and you will be invited, if you consent, to participate in a follow up interview.

Do I have to take part?

Participation is completely voluntary. You should only take part if you want to and choosing not to take part will not disadvantage you in anyway. If you choose to take part you will be asked to provide your consent. To do this you will be asked to indicate that you have read and understand the information provided and that you consent to your anonymous data being used for the purpose explained.

You are free to withdraw at any point during completion of the survey, without having to give a reason. Before you click 'submit' button, the GDPR compliant online survey tool will not record any data. Withdrawing from the study will not affect you in any way. Once you submit

the survey, it will no longer be possible to withdraw from the study because the data will be fully anonymous. Please do not include any personal identifiable information in your responses.

Data handling and confidentiality

- This research is anonymous. This means that nobody, including the researchers, will be aware of your identity, and that nobody will be able to connect you to the answers you provide, even indirectly. Your answers will nevertheless be treated confidentially and the information you provide will not allow you to be identified in any research outputs/publications. In line with KCL data retention policies, your data will be retained for 4 years after the completion of the project.

The data controller for this project will be King's College London (KCL). Research is a task that the University carries out in the public interest. Your data will be processed in accordance with the standards set by the General Data Protection Regulation 2016 (GDPR).

Data Protection Statement

Your data will be processed in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation 2016 (GDPR). If you would like more information about how your data will be processed in accordance with GDPR please visit the link below:

<https://www.kcl.ac.uk/research/support/research-ethics/kings-college-london-statement-on-use-of-personal-data-in-research>

What will happen to the results of the study?

The results of the study will be summarised in my MA dissertation thesis. The results may be used to produce publications in academic journals based on my thesis. If you wish to obtain a copy of my thesis, or any of the resulting papers, please contact me at the email address below. The data collected will not be made publicly available.

Who should I contact for further information?

If you have any questions or require more information about this project, please contact me using the following contact details:

[Student name and email]

What if I have further questions, or if something goes wrong?

If this project has harmed you in any way or if you wish to make a complaint about the conduct of the project you can contact King's College London using the details below for further advice and information:

[Supervisor name and email]

School of Education, Communication and Society, King's College London
Waterloo Bridge Wing, Franklin-Wilkins Building, Waterloo Road, London, SE1 9NH.

Thank you for reading this information sheet and for considering taking part in this research.