**Opportunity to take part in a research project**

Dear teachers,

I am writing to invite you to take part in a piece of research trailing the effectiveness of using stories in science teaching that forms part of my MA education thesis at King’s College London. Some year nine science classes will receive additional short (1-3 minutes) stories from the history of science or from cutting-edge research in their lessons. Other classes will not. If you choose to participate your class will either be taught as normal or I will give you a booklet of stories aligned to the topics you are teaching and ask you to include one in each lesson for six weeks. Over that period, with your permission, I would like to observe two of your lessons to gauge the level of engagement of the class. In all reports and publications from the project, the identity of the school, teachers and students will be hidden. In addition, I would like to seek permission to access your students’ assessment data, on the normal school assessments, to measure their achievement over the period.

If you are interested in taking part, or have further questions about what participation would involve, please contact me at:

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Best wishes,

Jemima Bloggs.