

An Ashmole Trust School

Executive Head Teacher: Mr Tim Sullivan Head Teacher: Mr Balbinder Dhinsa 'Excellence, Aspiration and Care'

21st February 2024

Dear Parent/Carer(s)

Re: Year 9 DIORA Research Study at Ashmole Academy

I am writing to inform you that our Year 9 students have been invited to participate in a research study regarding online activity and mental health.

The project is organised by researchers from King's College London and the London School of Economics and Political Science as part of the Digital Youth programme https://digitalyouth.ac.uk. You can read more about the study in the attached document and we encourage you to read through this information with your child. You can also email the study team direct via diora@kcl.ac.uk to ask questions or request more information.

Students will be asked to complete the study questionnaires online and this will be completed in one of their PSHE lessons in the next month. All answers will be confidential and your child's privacy will be protected.

The effects of online activity on mental health are an important topic and we hope that many students will take part. However, if your child does not wish to participate, or you wish to **withdraw your child from participation** in the study please email the school by Friday 1st March 2024 via office@ashmoleacademy.org.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Brown **Senior Leader**

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