

Participant Information Sheet

Project title: Assessment in Mathematical Sciences

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You are invited to take part in a study that we are conducting to investigate how students in Mathematical Sciences view assessment and feedback.

This study has received ethical approval from the ethics committee of Durham University's Department of Mathematical Sciences.

Before you decide whether to agree to take part it is important for you to understand the purpose of the research and what is involved as a participant. Please read the following information carefully. Please get in contact if there is anything that is not clear or if you would like more information.

What is the purpose of the study?

The aim of this focus group is to investigate student perspectives of assessment and feedback in mathematics.

The modes of assessment and feedback at University can be starkly different to those experienced by students in school. Both can take very different forms to those that students are used to, and the increased autonomy of University study means that we need to ensure that students can take full advantage of the assessments and feedback offered to them. A key step in this is to understand how students view their assessments and the feedback they receive.

Do I have to take part?

Your participation is voluntary, and you do not have to agree to take part. If you do agree to take part, you can withdraw at any time, without giving a reason. Each question in the focus group is optional and you do not have to give answers if you do not want to.

What will happen to my data?

Your data will be held and stored in accordance with the University's privacy policy. You can find information about the University's responsibilities for data protection and your rights under data protection legislation in the University's [privacy notice](#).

Your data will not be held for longer than ten years.

You can withdraw from the focus group at any time. If you want to withdraw your responses after the focus group has been conducted, we will do our best to remove them from the dataset. Once the data has been anonymised, this will not be possible.

What will happen to the results of the project?

The findings of the focus group will be disseminated through the Group Project presentations, and may be included in Individual Project reports. They may also be disseminated through conference presentations, journal articles, website publications, and other research avenues. Any quotations from your responses we use will be used anonymously, and any identifying information will be removed as much as possible.

Who do I contact if I have any questions or concerns about this study?

If you have any further questions or concerns about this study, please contact the researcher at clare.wallace@durham.ac.uk. If you remain unhappy or wish to make a formal complaint, please submit a complaint via research.policy@durham.ac.uk.

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