 

September 2016

*Subject*: Invitation for Year 7-10 students to participate in an additional study of the School Attitude Questionnaire Internet (SAQI)

Dear Parents/Guardians,

For the last couple of years, the Secondary School has been running the SAQI (School Attitude Questionnaire Internet) with students from Years 7-10. As a brief reminder, the SAQI measures the **wellbeing**, **self-confidence** and **motivation** of our students at school and helps to inform tutors of any specific areas they may wish to address when supporting individual students (mentoring).

We now plan to examine the SAQI data more closely and gain more insight about the underlying causes/explanations of the scores. Also, because it is in our interest to improve the questionnaire, we would like to ask you if your child could participate in a study to investigate its reliability.

*What are we asking of our Patana parents/students?*

Previous analysis has been carried out in an earlier study in the Netherlands with the permission of the Ethics Committee of the University of Amsterdam. Students were invited for an interview (during or immediately after school), performed by a staff member/psychologist of the University of Amsterdam. The interview covers topics such as **self-perception**, **social interaction**, **behaviour** and **emotions**. This interview takes approximately 40 minutes.

The interview is voluntary and there will be no identifying information. Responses will stay confidential and anonymous. There are no grades that are dependent on answering the questions. Your child would not have to answer any questions that might make him or her feel uncomfortable or when he or she thinks they should not answer. They may stop taking the interview at any time.

The details gathered from these interviews can help with the reliability of the SAQI itself and therefore help with the support we can offer each student in school. If you are happy for your child to participate in this project/study, please indicate that on the form and return it to school**.**

*For further information*

The study is a collaboration between Bangkok Patana School, the Department of Child Development and Education (Methods and Statistics) at the University of Amsterdam and the test developer of the SAQI, Mr H. Vorst from the Department of Psychology (Methods and Statistics) from the University of Amsterdam.

For any specific questions about the project, please contact the school or staff of this project: Matt Jones (Head of Year 10) [majo@patana.ac.th](mailto:majo@patana.ac.th); Umit Yurdakul (Clinical Psychologist, MSc.) [U.Yurdakul@uva.nl](mailto:U.Yurdakul@uva.nl).

Thank you in advance for your cooperation,

Yours faithfully,

Mr. Matt Jones

Head of Year 10

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**Parent Consent Form**

Please sign and return this formto your child’s tutor or to the Secondary Office.

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, have read and understand the above explanation of the student survey.

I hereby give my permission for my child to participate.

My child’s name is: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Tutor Group: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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