**Key Stage 3 - Plant a Seed Series**

Widening Participation in Medicine

*The University of Manchester Widening Participation fellows*

*are pleased to announce a unique opportunity for KS3*

*students.*

We are dedicated to Widening Participation at the University of Manchester Medical School and would like to invite all KS3 pupils in your school to participate in the Plant a Seed Series Study and utilise the online **Plant a Seed Series** resource. This aims to *Inspire, Education and Motivate* students to apply for a career in Medicine and consists of **3 recorded sessions**, titled:

1) Inspire

2) Educate

3) Motivate

To assess the impact of this Plant a Seed Series resource, we would like to invite all students to take part in the Plant a Seed study. The Plant a Seed Study involves the following:

* We will send all participating schools a link to the online learning.
* Schools/teachers that are interested in offering the Plant a Seed Study to their students would first have to print off the following documents for each student from the website:
	+ Parent information sheet
	+ Parent consent form
	+ Pre-series questionnaire
	+ Plant a seed worksheets
	+ Certificate of Plant a Seed Series completion
* Teachers will hand out the parent consent forms and information sheets to students, to give to their parents, to inform students of the Plant a Seed study and ask for consent.
* Consented pupils will then undergo the following:
1. Complete the pre-series questionnaire sheet by hand with their name on and hand this back to the teacher (please ensure these sheets are kept in a secure place to maintain student confidentiality).
2. Pupils will then watch the Plant a Seed Series briefing video. Pupils will then participate in the three following sessions together in the classroom setting. Each session in the series lasts 45-60 minutes, and consists of:
	* An Inspire/Educate/Motivate talk which contains a main talk on these themes and videos from our ‘Day in the Life’ series, which have been created by Manchester doctors, answering many questions about a career in Medicine
	* A worksheet on the theme of either Inspire, Educate or Motivate
3. Following session completion, pupils will then be asked to fill out the pre and post-questionnaire provided on the website, first inputting the pre-series questionnaire answers initially completed on paper and then inputting in the post-series questionnaire.
4. Teachers will then provide pupils that complete the series with a certificate of completion.
5. On completion of sessions, we will also invite your class to a live Q&A session with members of staff from Manchester Medical School and the Widening Participation team. This Q&A session is a Widening Participation activity and not part of the research study itself.

We hope that your school will take up this opportunity and complete the sessions within the dedicated timeframe. There will be no incentive for schools for being part of the project.

We would like to ask teachers to ensure pupils do not feel they have to participate in this study and that there is an alternative work/sessions students can attend instead at the time the consented pupils in the class are participating in the study.

We hope the series will inspire pupils and build on their knowledge, skills and attitude towards applying to Medicine.

Please email medicinewpfellows@manchester.ac.uk if your school is interested in being involved. We will send a link to access the Plant a Seed Series website once we receive your email.

We welcome any questions.

Thank you in advance,

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