

Learning about attendance at Further Education (FE) colleges

Research Project Privacy Notice for students

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You are taking part in a research project about what colleges do to try to help students attend college.



We (The Behavioural Insights Team, known as BIT) and the Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) want to understand what helps students attend college regularly and how colleges can improve support for students.

Your views are really important for this.



Because of that, we will interview you. We will **collect some personal information about you** (this is called your data). We will ask you questions about your experience with, and your views on, the approaches colleges use to support student attendance. We will also ask you about challenges you have faced with attending college.

We will also collect:

1. Your age group
2. The stage you are at in your course
3. Your college and course(s)
4. Whether you receive, or have ever received, financial support.

This information will help us understand the range of backgrounds and experiences of the people we have spoken with.

We will also record the fact that you have said you are happy to take part in the interview. And we will ask about any ways you need us to change the interview to suit you (e.g. breaks or more time to answer questions).



A trained researcher will talk to you and ask you some questions for about 45 minutes. The aim of the interview is to learn about your experience of attendance at college and any support your college offers.

The researcher will **take some notes** about your answers.



Taking part is your choice. You do not have to participate in the interview. You can stop the interview at any time. If you stop the interview, we will delete our notes. Once the interview is finished and what you said is no longer linked to your name, we will not be able to remove your comments from our analysis because they will be mixed in with everyone else's.



When we write our report, we will make sure **no one can tell the information came from you**, and we will remove the name of your college and anyone you talk about.



We will store information about you securely, and we will only share it with those who need it for the purpose of the project. We would only share your personal information with someone else if we were worried about your safety or the safety of others, or if we were legally required to.



We will delete all information we hold about you after the end of the project. We expect to delete your data in December 2026.

If you do want to be invited to take part in any more research with BIT after this interview, please tell the member of college staff who shared the project information sheet with you.

If you have any questions about how your data is collected or used by BIT, please contact dpo@bi.team.

We may change this Privacy Notice from time to time. If we make any significant changes, we will let you know.