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Dear Parent / Guardian,

The Department for the Economy are keen to examine perceptions of vocational qualifications in Northern Ireland and wish to gather a wide range of views about vocational qualifications.

They are intending to survey a range of year groups across a variety of schools, colleges and training providers and are asking for your help in completing the following survey.

Your child will be given access to the survey link below via a careers Google Classroom. Participation is **voluntary** and participants can exit the survey at any time up until they submit their responses. Information and consent are embedded within the survey. However, **if your child is 16 years of age or younger and you do not wish them to participate in the survey, please complete the attached opt out consent form and return it to your daughter's careers teacher.**

Future/prospective vocational learners from years 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14:

<https://feedback.surveylab.com/385/eb650b75/FutureVocationalLearner/>

Each individual participant should only complete the survey once and in one sitting. It is important that participants do not use their browser's "back" button. The future/prospective vocational learner survey should take approximately 10 minutes to complete.

The survey responses will be used by Stranmillis College to write a report for the Department for the Economy. The surveys are anonymous: learners, teacher/tutors and your school/college/training organisation will not be identified in any way. All answers will be stored securely and deleted at the end of the project.

All learners who wish to will be entered into a draw for a £25 high street voucher.

The survey will remain open for 4 weeks until 6pm on Wednesday 27th March 2024.

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