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Dear parent/ guardian,

My name is Stephen Murphy. I am currently undertaking a PhD in Education in University College Cork. I am writing to invite your child(ren) to complete an anonymous questionnaire in a research study on the potential use of Artificial Intelligence in Leaving Certificate coursework. The study looks at the availability generative AI tools, such as ChatGPT and aims to gather the views of both students and teachers across a range of school settings.

Questionnaire instructions to parents/ guardians:

1. To access the anonymous questionnaire:
https://ucc.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cSd81bHWj81XCRM
2. Please select the “I consent” tick box in the questionnaire to provide consent for your child.
3. Pass the device (e.g. laptop or smartphone) to your child for them to also give their consent to participate.
4. Your child will then complete the questionnaire by themselves. The questionnaire should take between 10-15 minutes to complete.

Upon questionnaire completion: Chance to win **€100 voucher!**

At the end of the questionnaire, there is an opportunity for your child to win a €100 voucher in a draw to be held on Friday 29th of May. Please provide the parent/ guardian email address to enter the draw. This email address will not be linked to the responses provided in the questionnaire and will be stored separately. The email address provided will not be shared with any third party and will be deleted upon completion of the draw.

Thank you for letting your child take part in this study. The following page will further clarify the aims of the study and confidentiality.

Purpose of the Study: This project is about investigating the potential impact of Generative Artificial Intelligence on Leaving Certificate coursework. This study is a research project in association with University College Cork.

Why has your child been asked to take part? You have been asked because your child is a student undertaking a subject with a coursework component in Senior Cycle.

Does your child have to take part? No. Taking part in this study is completely voluntary. Your child may decide not to take part, or they can stop at any time, even if they had already agreed to take part, and they do not need to give a reason.

Will your child's participation in the study be kept confidential? Yes. Everything your child shares will be anonymised, meaning their answers cannot be linked back to them, their school or their teachers.

What will happen to the information your child provides? The information will be combined with data from other participants and stored securely in a protected database.

What will happen to the results? The results will form part of a PhD thesis. In addition, the findings may be shared at academic conferences, used in teaching, discussed in public forums (such as radio), and published in journal articles. Participants will not be identifiable.

What are the possible disadvantages of taking part? We don't expect any negative consequences for your child in taking part.

What if there is a problem? If you or your child needs to, you can contact the researcher below.

Who has reviewed this study? Approval has been given by the UCC Social Research Ethics Committee (SREC).

Any further queries? If you need any further information, please contact:

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