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Dear Student,

As part of a study involving several universities I am distributing a large questionnaire to your year, which I would be grateful if you would take the trouble to complete. The questionnaire is long and detailed but this is necessary in order to obtain an adequately broad perspective.

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Thanking you in advance for your co-operation,

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- Name: _____
- Sex: Male / Female
- Married / Single.
- Year of Birth: 19 __ __
- Type of school attended:- Comprehensive / Direct Grant / Grammar / Independent Public School / Private / Secondary Modern / Other (specify) _____

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- Was your school single-sex or mixed? _____
- A-level grades obtained:-

	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Grade</u>
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n.b. if a subject has been taken more than once please give best grade obtained.

- What A-level grade 'offer' was made to you by this university? (e.g. 2 B's and a C).
- Which universities and subjects did you write on your UCCA form?

	<u>University</u>	<u>Subject</u>
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- Date of leaving school: month _____ year _____

- Did you have any further education between leaving school and entering university (e.g. technical college, other university, etc..) _____

- What did you do between leaving school and entering university? Please estimate duration in weeks or months.

	<u>Weeks</u>	<u>Months</u>
Working in this country:		
Working abroad:		
Travelling abroad:		
On holiday in this country:		
At home in this country but not working:		
Other (please specify) :		

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At home in this country but not working:
Other (please specify) :

- Would you recommend to others that they should take a year or more off between school and university?
Definitely Yes / Probably Yes / Probably No / Definitely No.

- Have you taken an intercalated degree during your medical course? :
No/Yes If Yes, in which subject? _____

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- Would you recommend to others that they should take an intercalated degree during their medical course?
Definitely Yes / Probably Yes / Probably No / Definitely No.

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- Would you welcome the introduction of intercalated degrees in subjects other than Anatomy, Physiology, Biochemistry, or Pharmacology?
Definitely Yes / Probably Yes / Probably No / Definitely No.

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- Is your father a doctor? No / Yes. If Yes, is he a GP? No / Yes.

- Is your mother a doctor? No / Yes. If Yes, is she a GP? No / Yes.

- How many siblings (brothers and sisters) have you? _____

- How many of your siblings are aged 17 or over? _____

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- How many of your siblings are studying medicine or are doctors? _____

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- At what age did you first seriously consider that you would like to be a doctor? _____

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- How much did your parents persuade you against your own wishes to study medicine?

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Very much / Moderately / A little / Not at all.

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24. What is your father's occupation? _____

25. In which of the following categories does your father's occupation come? The groups are those of the Registrar-General.

1. Professional occupations, etc. e.g. University teachers, higher executives, company directors, lawyers, etc..
2. Intermediate occupations e.g. teachers, journalists, authors, civil servants, pilots, managers, technicians, musicians, etc..
3. Skilled occupations e.g. accounting and costing clerks, craftsmen, foremen, shopkeepers, mine-workers, and other skilled workmen, etc.
4. Semi-skilled occupations e.g. postmen and telephone operators, agricultural workers, etc..
5. Unskilled occupations e.g. building and dock labourers, etc..
6. Armed forces (please state rank).
7. Others.

26. In which county is your parental home? (n.b. new counties please!)
If you are not British, what is your nationality? _____

27. Do you smoke? No / Yes. If Yes, please estimate your consumption:-

Cigarettes _____ (Number per day)
Pipe _____ (ounces per week)
Cigars _____ (number per day)

28. How would you describe your religious beliefs?
Christian / Jewish / Agnostic / Atheist / Other (please specify)

29. How often do you attend church?
Never / On festive occasions only / Between three and ten times per year /
About once a month / Almost every week.

30. Do you intend to emigrate to a developed country?
Definitely Yes / Probably Yes / Probably No / Definitely No.
If so, would it be temporary or permanent?
Which country?

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Definitely Yes / Probably Yes / Probably No / Definitely No.
If so would it be temporary or permanent?
Which country?

32. Have you made up your mind about a future career?
Definitely / Probably / Possibly / Not at all.

33. Please give your first three choices for a career (be as specific or as general as you like, even if you are not at all sure).

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

34. Which of the following areas have you visited? Exclude areas you have only passed through. Answer by putting a tick in the appropriate column:-

	Never	Once only	More than once
France			
Germany			
Italy			
Switzerland			
Holland			
Belgium			
Spain			
Portugal			
Greece			
Scandinavia			
Eastern Europe			
Middle East / North Africa			
Central / Southern Africa			
India / Far East			
Russia / China			
Australasia			
North America			
South America			

35. Do you play any musical instruments? Not at all / Slightly / Adequately / Well (e.g. piano at grade V).

Which instrument(s)?

Have you played in a group or orchestra? No / Yes.

36. Estimate how many hours per week you devote to the following activities:

0 1 - 2 3 - 4 5 - 8 8 - 15 15+

Table with 6 columns and 4 rows for activities: Watching television, Playing sport, In a pub, On hobbies.

37. Do you play sport for a team? No / Yes.

38. Estimate how many times per year you attend the following:-

0 1 - 2 2 - 5 6 - 10 10+

Table with 5 columns and 11 rows for activities: Theatre, Opera, Ballet, Pop concerts, Classical concerts, Art galleries, Museums, Cinema, Football matches, Cricket matches, Parties.

39. Estimate how many non-medical, non-school books you read per year:-

0 1 - 5 6 - 10 11 - 20 21 - 50 50+

Table with 6 columns and 2 rows for categories: Fiction, Non-Fiction.

40. How many works have you read by the following authors? Please put a tick in the appropriate box.

None One More than One

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Table with 3 columns and 20 rows for authors: Isaac Asimov, Jane Austen, Albert Camus, Dostolevsky, Margaret Drabble, George Eliot, Frederick Forsythe, Günther Grass, Graham Greene, Hermann Hesse, Aldous Huxley, James Joyce, D.H. Lawrence, Doris Lessing, Christopher Marlowe, Maupassant, George Orwell, Harold Robbins, John Steinbeck, Solzhenitsyn.

Table with 3 columns and 20 rows for authors: Stendhal, Tolstoy, Leon Uris, Virginia Woolf, Edward de Bono, Erich von Daniken, Charles Darwin, Eysenck, Freud, Galbraith, Illich, R.D. Laing, C.S. Lewis, Marx, John Stuart, Mill, Desmond Morris, Karl Popper, E.F. Schumacher, Lyall Watson, Gombrich.

Vertical grid on the right side of the page with numerical markers: 3, 8, 13, 24, 66.

41. How often do you read the following newspapers or journals?

Usually Moderately often Rarely Never

- Daily Express
- Daily Mail
- Daily Mirror
- Daily Telegraph
- Guardian
- Morning Star
- Sun
- The Times
- Local Newspaper
- New Society
- The Listener
- New Scientist

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42. Estimate how the following statements describe your study habits, by placing a tick in the appropriate box.

Definitely Yes Probably Yes Probably No Definitely No

I prefer to follow up my own ideas rather than to concentrate on set work.

I cover assigned work equally well whether it interests me or not.

I prefer not to restrict myself only to recommended reading.

I do not consider the best way of learning is by only completing the set work and doing the required reading.

I find a discussion of a topic more useful than a systematic presentation.

I find it difficult to tackle something unless I know just what is expected.

I don't let myself get diverted onto something unless I know just what is expected.

It isn't often I try to think of doing something differently from the way described in lecture or book.

I like to feel that everything important is contained in my notes.

	Definitely Yes	Probably Yes	Probably No	Definitely No

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For the following questions, on ethical, moral and political issues, please remember that there are no right or wrong answers: it is your opinions which are required. If you do not wish to answer a question, or do not understand it, please leave it blank.

Definitely Yes Probably Yes Probably No Definitely No

43. Is a strong professional identity necessary for the practice of good medicine?

44. Was the introduction of the NHS a retrograde step?

45. Are psychiatric hospitals in need of greater funds and resources, if necessary at the expense of other parts of the Health Service?

46. The Inverse Care Law says that in this country the areas with the greatest medical need have the least medical resources: can this be true?

47. Is psychosurgery justified on convicted criminals?

	Definitely Yes	Probably Yes	Probably No	Definitely No

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Dear Student,

You may remember that a while ago we asked you to complete a lengthy questionnaire. We had an excellent response to that questionnaire, and the results are being analysed at present. However we are also interested in the way in which attitudes, etc., have changed since that previous questionnaire; we are therefore asking you, whether or not you completed the previous questionnaire, if you would be willing to complete the enclosed questionnaire. We realise that the questionnaire is very long, but this is necessary in order to obtain an adequately broad perspective. We have included almost all of the questions from the previous questionnaire, so that if you completed the questionnaire before we would be grateful if you would bear with us and complete the whole questionnaire once more. May we also assure you that at present we have no plans for a further follow-up.

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