*What is the purpose of this research?*

My name is and I am a second year student at the University of Worcester undertaking a degree in Media and Culture.

I am completing a small research project for MECS2031 which is looking at Popular culture

Your participation in this study will help me understand the issues raised by this topic.

*What does taking part in this study involve?*

*What will happen to the answers given?*

Your answers will be anonymised by removing any identifying data. The unidentifiable responses will be stored on a pass-word protected memory stick to which only I will have access to ensure confidentiality. The data will be kept until the assessment process has been completed and destroyed by no later than

*Do I have to take part?*

No, your involvement in this research study is entirely voluntary. You can withdraw from the research study at any point, without explanation, and have your responses deleted.

*I have some questions or concerns, who should I contact and how?*

You should ask to speak to the researcher who will do their best to answer your questions

If you remain unhappy and wish to complain formally about any aspect or about the way you have been dealt with during the study, you can do this through contacting the Secretary to the University of Worcester Ethics Committee, Dr John-Paul Wilson, on (01905) 542196.”

**Consent Form for Research on MECS2031**

**Title of the Study:**

**Name of researcher:**

***Please read the following statements:***

* I confirm that I have received a copy of the information sheet for the above study.
* I confirm that I have read and understand the information sheet for the above study.
* I understand that my participation is voluntary and that I am free to withdraw at any time, without giving any reason and without any penalty.
* I confirm that I know that participating in an interview that it will be recorded, and I give my consent.
* I understand that the data will be anonymised and that reference to me as an individual will be removed.
* I understand that the data will only be used for the stated research purposes.
* I understand that the data will be held securely on a password protected memory stick to which only the researcher has access and that it will be destroyed once the study has been marked.
* I agree to take part in this research.

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