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Dear Student of 9P2

### **Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study ('TIMSS')**

I am excited to tell you that your class has been selected to take part in an important study called **Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study ('TIMSS')**.

The study takes place every 4 years and looks at how pupils in Years 5 and 9 apply knowledge and skills in maths and science. Over 60 countries take part in TIMSS and I am delighted that Maiden Erlegh School in Reading is one of the schools selected to represent England. The results are used by our government and governments around the world to improve education in their countries.

The study will take place within the normal school day on Tuesday 14 March and involves answering questions on maths and science, as well as completing a questionnaire. You do not need to do anything to prepare beforehand. If you would like any more information on TIMSS or would like to see some examples of the type of questions asked, you can do so by visiting this website <https://www.pearson.com/uk/web/timss/for-pupils.html>. This website also includes a privacy notice setting out information about how your data will be used.

To say thank you for taking part, you will receive a certificate from the Department for Education (part of our UK government responsible for education in England). Your participation in this important international study is greatly appreciated and vital to the success of the study. If you have any questions about the study or would not like to take part, please get in touch with the TIMSS Support Team **one week** before the study date by emailing [timss2023@pearson.com](mailto:timss2023@pearson.com).

[I hope you will enjoy this wonderful opportunity!](#)

Yours sincerely

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