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2011 National Student Survey: Publication of data

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Introduction

1. This letter provides information on the next steps in the 2011 National Student Survey (NSS) process, including a timetable of when to access 2011 NSS results via both the Ipsos MORI NSS results site and Unistats web-site. This year institutions will be able to preview their own results on both websites in August.
2. We would like to thank you for your hard work on the 2011 NSS. Ipsos MORI conducted over a quarter of a million interviews (267,000) from a sample size of over 406,000 students. This represents an overall response rate for NSS 2011 of 66 per cent, the highest response rate the NSS has achieved in its seven years, and the largest number of students ever to take part in the survey.

Publication of the 2011 results: Planned schedule of activity

3. On **3 August** institutions will be able to preview their own results on both the Ipsos MORI NSS results site¹ and on the Unistats web-site². The nominated NSS and Unistats contacts at institutions will be sent further details closer to the time about how to access the data.
4. On **10 August** there will be a preview period on the Unistats web-site where institutions will have access to all institutions' data. On the same date, Ipsos MORI will launch Phase 1 of the NSS results site which presents NSS data to institutions at a high level of detail and with access to students' comments. All pre-calculated data tables will be available at institution, subject and sector level. Sector-wide comparisons will also be available during Phase 1.
5. By midday on **17 August**, the Unistats web-site will be available for public access and HEFCW will release a press statement.
6. On **30 August** Ipsos MORI will launch Phase 2 (custom analysis) of the results site. The custom analysis function gives each institution the freedom to analyse tailored results for specific cohorts of their own students, as well as publicly available data for all participating institutions.

Timetable

7. A timetable is provided below for ease of reference.

¹ <http://www.ipsos-mori/nss/results>

² <http://cms.unistats.com/cms/>

	NSS results site	Unistats site
3 August	Institutional own preview data on NSS results site and Unistats	
10 August	Phase 1 NSS data available	Preview data of all institutions' data
17 August		Unistats available to the public
30 August	NSS Phase 2 data available	

Further information

8. If you have any queries regarding the Ipsos MORI results site, please contact the Ipsos MORI team on nss@ipsos.com or telephone 020 8861 8110.
9. If you have any queries regarding the Unistats web-site, please contact the Unistats helpdesk on unistats@ucas.ac.uk or telephone 01242 544682.
10. For other queries, contact Dr Cliona O'Neill (tel 029 2068 2283; email cliona.oneill@hefcw.ac.uk).