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Dear Science/Technology/Mathematics Champion

Re: The Great British Knot Experiment – Calling all Knotters!

We are looking for groups of keen students in schools who want to involve themselves in active data gathering and interpretation and to contribute to a genuine piece of novel science.

Your school's involvement and effort need not be extensive. The experiment can be carried out in school, in a class environment, with minimal resources (several lengths of string), and typically involving an hour or so per week for two or three weeks. It could form part of a national curriculum case study in Key Stage 3 or 4 to use mathematics to solve problems, or as an open ended mathematical investigation.

The results of this major experiment will be announced at an open public talk at the forthcoming British Science Festival hosted at Aston University in September 2010. If you are interested, a study pack with full details will be sent out in April, to the first 1000 schools who register their intent to participate, in time for the experiments to be performed during May/June.

Further information and registration details are available on the attached flyer.

Yours faithfully

The image shows two handwritten signatures in black ink. The first signature on the left is 'Vicky Bond' written in a cursive style. The second signature on the right is 'David Lowe', also in a cursive style, with a large, stylized 'D'.

Vicky Bond & Prof David Lowe

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