

# Peer Tutoring in Secondary Schools

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## Plain English summary of protocol

### Background study aims

This study is conducted to find out if the Peer Tutoring in Secondary Schools programme, given by teachers in schools, using paired reading with Year 7 and Year 9 students, helps to improve students reading skills.

### Who can participate?

All students in year 7 and 9 in qualifying secondary schools that are willing to agree to the research procedures can participate in this study.

### What does the study involve?

In total, 6 classes in Year 7 and 9 will participate in the initial stage, and up to 60 classes in Year 7 and 9 respectively will participate in actual study. Participants will be randomly allocated into one of two groups: the intervention group will receive the peer tutoring between January and June 2014 (where students in year 7 will act as tutee and in Year 9 as tutor), while the control group will not receive the tutoring. At the beginning of the autumn term 2013 and in the summer term of 2014 all participating Year 7 and 9 students will complete a reading test. The results of students in the intervention group will be compared with the results of students in the control group, in order to find out the effect the peer tutoring programme has had on students' reading skills.

### What are the possible benefits and risks of participating?

Participating students will have the opportunity to be selected as part of a class to learn and practice the technique of peer tutoring, to act as tutee or tutor, which may improve their reading skills. There are no risks of participation.

### Where is the study run from?

The study is run from secondary schools in North Tyneside (and where necessary neighbouring authorities), UK.

### When is study starting and how long is it expected to run for?

The study begins in January 2013 with the development stage, with the actual study starting in September 2013 and expected to last for one year, with follow-up assessments in the summer term of 2015.

Who is funding the study?  
Education Endowment Foundation, UK.

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## Additional identifiers

**Protocol serial number**  
Spring2012-105

## Study information

**Scientific Title**  
A pragmatic randomised controlled trial evaluating the effectiveness of the Peer Tutoring in Secondary Schools programme

**Study objectives**  
What is the effectiveness of the Peer Tutoring in Secondary Schools programme, on the reading skills of participating students, compared to 'business as usual'?

**Ethics approval required**  
Old ethics approval format

**Ethics approval(s)**  
Ethics approval for this study has been granted by Durham University, UK.

**Study design**  
Pragmatic randomised controlled trial

**Primary study design**

Interventional

**Study type(s)**

Quality of life

**Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied**

Education - Secondary Schools

**Interventions**

1. RCT intervention - sixteen week peer tutoring paired reading programme delivered by teachers in school time during academic year 2013/14. Teachers will be trained and receive support materials to deliver this intervention.
2. Control - 'Business as usual'. Following the intervention, control group teachers will be offered training to deliver the intervention in academic year 2014/15, with Year 7 and 9 classes.

**Intervention Type**

Other

**Phase**

Not Applicable

**Primary outcome(s)**

Student scores on the GL Assessment New Group Reading Test

**Key secondary outcome(s)**

N/A

**Completion date**

31/12/2015

**Eligibility****Key inclusion criteria**

All secondary schools in North Tyneside and where necessary neighbouring Authorities, with Year 7 and 9 students, will be invited to participate if they are willing to undertake all related research procedures. Eligible students will include those in participating schools.

**Participant type(s)**

Patient

**Healthy volunteers allowed**

No

**Age group**

Child

**Sex**

All

**Key exclusion criteria**

Schools not meeting the inclusion criteria will be excluded.

**Date of first enrolment**

01/09/2013

**Date of final enrolment**

31/12/2015

**Locations****Countries of recruitment**

United Kingdom

England

**Study participating centre**

**North Tyneside Council**

North Tyneside

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**Sponsor information****Organisation**

Education Endowment Foundation (UK)

**ROR**

<https://ror.org/03bhd6288>

**Funder(s)****Funder type**

Charity

**Funder Name**

Education Endowment Foundation, UK - Spring2012-105

**Results and Publications**

Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan

IPD sharing plan summary

Not provided at time of registration

Study outputs

Output type	Details	Date created	Date added	Peer reviewed?	Patient-facing?
<a href="#">Funder report results</a>	results			No	No
<a href="#">Participant information sheet</a>	Participant information sheet	11/11/2025	11/11/2025	No	Yes