1 October 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

Psychology in Action: Power of the Mind

Our A-Level Psychology students have the opportunity to attend a series of Psychology Lectures on Tuesday 20 November 2018. The content of the lectures support the A-Level course and provides a unique opportunity to hear experts in their fields in Psychology speak about their work and experiences.

The Lectures are:

- **James Piercy**: Clinical *Psychology in Practice*. James Piercy started his interest in clinical psychology as a patient, after suffering a serious brain injury. Join his exploration of the psychological effects of injury and how we test and measure function.

- **Stephen Reicher**: *When people don’t obey: why (almost) everything you thought you knew about Zimbardo and Milgram is wrong*. Stephen Reicher considers Zimbardo’s Stanford Prison Experiment and Milgram’s Yale Obedience studies in a new light, and discover why the usual interpretations regarding conformity are not necessarily supported by the evidence.

- **Warren Mansell**: *Facing your fears is good for you – but only if you are in control*. People are often told to ‘face their fears’ in ‘exposure’ therapy. But should people be persuaded to do this? Or should they approach them at their own pace? Warren uses a theory known as perceptual control theory for the answer.

- **Peter Lovatt**: *Dance and the brain. What’s the link between dancing and the brain?* How does dancing change the way we think and solve problems? Why is the way we move linked to our hormonal and genetic make-up? This is the science of dance.

We will travel to the Emmanuel Centre, Central London by tube, and meeting at **Rickmansworth Station** at approximately 9.20 a.m. The lectures finish at 3.45 pm and so we can expect to arrive back to **Rickmansworth Station** at approximately 5.00 pm. Students will be expected to pay for their own travel.

There are 40 places available on this trip which will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Payment for £27.60 can be made via Scopay and permission slips should be handed in to the Psychology Department by Monday 8 October 2018.

Yours sincerely

Mrs P Holahan
Head of Psychology Department
To: Bursar’s Office
Re: Psychology in Action: Power of the Mind

Form & Teaching Group .................................................................

☐ Having read and understood the details of the visit as set out in the letter of 1 October 2018, I wish my son/daughter ................................................................. (Name in block capitals) to participate in the trip to ‘Psychology in Action: Power of the Mind’.

☐ I acknowledge the need for my son/daughter to behave responsibly and agree to the School’s procedures in this respect. Although the staff of the School escorting the party will exercise due care and attention, I understand they cannot necessarily be held responsible for any loss, damage or injury, which may befall my child named above during or as a consequence of the journey and visit. I understand that upon return to School my child will no longer be under the authority of the School and my child is aware of the arrangements for getting home.

☐ I understand that the School reserves the right to remove any student whose behaviour at School does not meet the standards required of all our students. In such cases any deposits paid will be non-refundable, and the full cost of the trip may be payable if a replacement cannot be found.

☐ I understand that I must notify the School office of any change in the medical condition of my son/daughter, and of any change to the Emergency contact numbers provided below.

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Please tick against method of payment below:

Online payment: I am registered for the School internet payment facility and would like to make online payments. Please check back daily should the system not yet show this item. ☐

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Cash payment: please hand in with this slip at the Bursars’ Office ☐

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Signed (Parent/Carer)..............................................................

If the payment is in cash and over £20 a receipt MUST be obtained from the Bursars Office. Cheque and cash payments MUST be placed in an envelope clearly labelled with the Student’s name and the payment reference. Thank you.