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Mr D Cooper
Principal

29th June 2018

Year 9 students

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: **Application to study GCSE Psychology (1-year course)**

Applications are invited from students currently approaching the end of Year 9, who would like to be considered for a place on the GCSE Psychology course running in 2018-19.

Students will have a weekly afterschool lesson at Bassingbourn Village College and - through a Skype video link - will be taught by a psychology teacher from Cambridge Centre for Sixth-Form Studies (CCSS), an independent sixth-form college with whom we have established links. This will be the second year in which we have been able to make this offer and those students who have just completed the course in Year 10 have regarded the teaching they have received very highly and have all thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Students selected for this opportunity will benefit from very small class sizes, regular progress reports and feedback on tasks submitted by email.

A maximum of 12 students can be selected for the course. It is important to appreciate that undertaking the course would be a significant commitment in addition to the demands of studying for their other GCSEs, particularly because the course is delivered over a single year.

Students will have one 75 minute lesson each week. We currently plan to have two classes with up to six students in each. One class will have their tuition on a Monday afternoon and the other on a Wednesday afternoon, starting at 15:45. Students will also be expected to attend a face-to-face lesson at CCSS on Wednesday 12th September and three Saturday Masterclasses over the course of the year running from 10AM and 4PM (dates to be confirmed). They will be set homework which they will submit via a secure email to the teacher at CCSS (this should take approximately an hour a week).

Students will need to make their own arrangements for transport from Bassingbourn Village College on the day of the lessons and to and from CCSS for each of the Masterclasses.

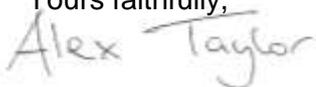
Parents will get the opportunity to visit CCSS and meet the psychology teacher on Wednesday 12th September, following the initial face-to-face lesson. There will also be a parents' evening organised midway through the academic year.

If your son/daughter wishes to be considered, please return the reply slip below to Mr Taylor by Tuesday 10th July. If you have any questions about the opportunity, please contact me by email (ataylor@bassingbournvc.net)

Following the application process, we will carefully select the students who we feel will cope with the demands of the course and who will benefit most from the opportunity. Important considerations will be:

- Attendance
- Consistency in meeting deadlines and in completing homework to a high standard
- Academic ability and current attainment
- Ability to work independently

Yours faithfully,



Alex Taylor
Achievement Leader

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The following student wishes to apply for the 1-year GCSE Psychology course in 2018-19

Student name: _____ Tutor: _____

Parent/Carer signature: _____

All replies need to be returned to Mr Taylor by Tuesday 10th July