19th March

Dear Parent/Carer,

I write to you following the deadline for options forms to be submitted as part of the Year 8 GCSE options process. Your child chose Psychology as one of his/her options.

Due to the exceptional demand that we had for the 16 places available, we now need to ask students to write a short brief (application form) on why they would like to study Psychology. This is in keeping with previous years, when demand for places has far outweighed the number of places available, as in this scenario.

A copy of this letter, with the application form on the reverse has been given to all students who are in school on Thursday 19th March. I have also emailed a copy of this letter (and application form) to your registered email addresses on our system as well the students school email addresses too.

Due to the exceptional circumstances were are faced with – and in particular around the uncertainties over when schools in England will re-open – I have posted a copy of this application form on Showbie.

Students can join via the code: **73LL5** and can submit their application form online. I have asked the students to try and have this submitted by Friday 3rd April, although given the circumstances we will be highly flexible based on individual need. If you encounter any difficulties, forms can also be emailed to me at: [a.hill@mce.hlt.academy](mailto:a.hill@mce.hlt.academy)

I fully appreciate that this could well be down on the list of priorities at the moment for you and your family but we are trying to keep some sense of normality and following processes going and planning for the future. This – like the coronavirus itself – is an unprecedented situation for all of us; but our commitment to helping our young people to realise their potential hasn’t changed, and never will.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Hill

Vice Principal (Curriculum)

APPLICATION FORM FOR **PSYCHOLOGY**

Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Form: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The Psychology course is very special in that it is taught as part of our shared curriculum at Vale of York Academy and has limited spaces available. Following the options process we have had exceptional demand for the 16 places and so we now need to ask all students to complete this application form so that we can assess their suitability for Psychology and make sure that all those who are offered a place on the course will show dedication and commitment.

Please fill out each box below, outlining your suitability for the course.

**Reason for applying** – write a few sentences explaining why you like the idea of studying Psychology.

**Your suitability for the course** – write a few sentences explaining why you think you would be a good member of the Psychology group.

**The section below is for internal use only. Your teachers will fill this out on your behalf.**

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| **Attendance:** | Excellent | Very good | Satisfactory | Poor | Very poor |
| **Attitude and Behaviour:** | Excellent | Very good | Satisfactory | Poor | Very poor |
| **Attainment:** | D / S / M average | | | | |
| **Other notes:** |  | | | | |