

SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Year 11 Parent/Guardian,

By now, your son will have begun to consider his options for A-Level study. In recent years, the SHSB Sixth Form has remained the preferred choice for the majority of our students.

Alongside familiar subjects that your son will have studied at GCSE, there are also several new subjects to explore — including Psychology. This is an increasingly popular subject both nationally and within SHSB, where we consistently help students achieve results that are significantly above the national average.

Our Psychology department is made up of dedicated, full-time specialists with over twenty-five years of combined experience in teaching A-Level Psychology, as well as extensive involvement with the AQA examining team.

In recent years, we have noticed a growing number of students opting for Psychology without first gaining a clear understanding of the subject. Too often, students embark on this two-year course without being fully aware of its demands, the skills required, or the teaching style they can expect.

To support students in making an informed decision, the Psychology Department will be running a series of lunchtime taster sessions. These sessions will give your son the opportunity to experience a typical Psychology lesson, gain insight into the course content and expectations, and decide whether this fascinating subject is right for him.

All sessions will begin at 1.10pm, and students are welcome to bring their lunch. Places are limited, so attendance will be on a *first-come, first-served* basis. Students may attend as many sessions as they wish, but anyone considering Psychology at A Level is strongly encouraged to attend at least one.

Taster Session Schedule:

- Monday 10th November – S7 (Mr Foley)
- Tuesday 11th November – E11 (Dr Frost)
- Wednesday 12th November – E11 (Dr Frost)
- Thursday 13th November – E11 (Dr Frost)
- Friday 14th November – S7 (Mr Foley)



Please do discuss this opportunity with your son to ensure he is aware of the sessions. Should you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me directly.

Your sincerely

Dr H. Frost
Leader of Psychology