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Neuroscience Brain Day

Dear Parents/Carers,

On Wednesday 1st July, 2026, Dr. Guy Sutton, who is the Director and Founder of Medical Biology Interactive and an Honorary Consultant Assistant Professor at the University of Nottingham Medical School, is running a Neuroscience "Brain Day" in school for our Year 12 Psychology students.

Guy has been a visiting researcher to universities in the United States and has conducted research projects and data analysis for various organisations, including the Department of Health and the Medical Research Council. He has presented research findings at international conferences and talked about the theoretical and clinical aspects of his research on television and radio.

On the day, the students will engage in one three hour workshop with Dr. Sutton. The first session will run from 9.00-12.10 and the second, from 12.20-3.30. All students will be told which session they have been allocated. The workshops will take place in C75.

Guy will present on Biopsychology and the brain. It is worth noting that as is usual in the study of Psychology; at times there may be reference to trauma on the developing brain and that the issues discussed, such as child sexual abuse, can be quite sensitive and hard-hitting. If students need to step out at any time they will be supported. Students will be involved in a brain dissection, where they will have the opportunity to study and handle a sheep's brain.

The cost of the day has been taken from the Psychology department budget. This letter is for information purposes only. The workshop is the closest to experiencing degree level study that students can possibly get at this stage of their school career, and will be one of the most memorable days of their whole course. Having said this, if there are personal reasons why a student feels uncomfortable attending, then you as parent/carer only need let me know in advance, in writing via email, that they cannot attend, and this will of course be respected.

We are really looking forward to welcoming Dr. Guy Sutton into our school, and learning from a world-renowned expert in the field of Neuroscience.

Many thanks,

Mrs E Edwards

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