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Dear Parent/Carer,

**Science and Pseudoscience Conference- Thursday 8th December 2016 10.30am-4pm at
Assembly Rooms, George Street, Edinburgh**

Part of the mandatory topics in both the National 5 and Higher Psychology courses are sleep and dreams. This conference will enrich pupils' understanding of this fascinating area of psychology. There will also be an opportunity for pupils to experience psychology "live" with experiments, activities and demonstrations, such as hypnosis. The day includes interesting guest speakers such as, psychologist and magician Richard Wiseman. Visit the following link if you would like a preview: <http://youtube/v3iPrBrGSJM>

We will have lunch at a nearby café and return for the afternoon session to look at more topics covered on the course, such as sleep and dreams, abnormal behaviour and research methods. The conference is entitled 'Science and Pseudoscience' to illustrate the difference between good and bad science. The presentations about research methods will assist students' understanding in assessed work. The day ends with an internationally renowned hypnotist, Andrew Newton who will invite volunteers onto the stage. He talks about the psychology of the brain and explains the process of 'suggestion'. The conference cost is £25. We will travel to Edinburgh by train and pupils will pay their own fare on the day. Pupils should bring a packed lunch or money to purchase lunch in town. If you would like your son/daughter to take part in this trip, please return the tear off permission slip.

Payments can be made via East Lothian Council's secure internet payment service. This can be accessed by clicking on the 'Online Payments' link found on the left hand side of the NBHS homepage (www.edubuzz.org/northberwickhigh) or by visiting www.eastlothian.gov.uk and clicking on PAY FOR IT. Select High School Payments from the list and fill in the form with the details. Please use the school payment reference, '**Psychology Conference 2016**'. If you would prefer, cheques should be made payable to East Lothian Council. The tear off parental permission slip, parental consent form and payment (if applicable) should be returned to me by **Friday 7th October**. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



Rachel Auchnie, CT Psychology & RMPS

Pupil: Register class:

I would like my son/daughter to take part in the psychology conference in Edinburgh on Thursday 8th December 2016. I can confirm I have made an online payment for £25 / I have enclosed a cheque for £25 (please delete as appropriate), along with the parental consent form. I am aware that train fares and lunch are NOT included.

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