



Key Stage: 5

Subject: Psychology

Aims of the subject: The aim of Psychology is to develop a wider understanding and appreciation of human behaviour. It will enable students to understand behaviour from differing viewpoints and also lead them into in-depth investigation of their own. Students should be naturally inquisitive about the human mind and this subject will take them on a voyage of discovery. This is a challenging and stimulating course with a strong focus on student participation. Thorough and extensive exam preparation is key to the success of this department.

A-Level Examination Board: AQA 7182

Assessment Overview: There are 3 written papers to be taken at the end of Year 13. Each paper is 2 hours long and consists of multiple choice, short answer and extended writing questions. Each paper is equally weighted in counting towards the overall A-level result.

Course	What will I study?	Assessment
Year 12	<p>Term 1: Approaches, Research Methods, Memory</p> <p>Term 2: Attachment, Social Influence, Psychopathology</p> <p>Term 3: Biopsychology, Independent research project</p>	<p>Independent learning workbooks and exemplar exam questions are used throughout the year.</p> <p>Interactive quizzes, discussions and mind maps.</p> <p>Examinations in January and May.</p>
Year 13	<p>Term 1: Issues and debates, Relationships, Schizophrenia</p> <p>Term 2: Forensic Psychology, revision of Year 12 topics</p> <p>Term 3: Consolidation and revision</p>	<p>Revision of Year 12 topics. Focus on exam skills, particularly evaluation and application.</p> <p>Timed essay practice throughout the year.</p> <p>Mock exams in January and formal assessment in June.</p>

Enrichment opportunities:

Psychology is everywhere! Students are able to make use of their taught curriculum by gaining greater understanding and empathy of human behaviour. Students often go on to the Aspiring Teachers or Healthcare courses offered or seek human interaction with classroom or learning support. There is a whole timetabled enrichment course dedicated to studying Psychology which allows students to study and learn about any area of interest. This year students have researched the impact of body language and the importance of dreams!

Suggestions for wider reading:

The John Crewdson Library has many new Psychology books for both study and general interest, including 'The Man Who Mistook his Wife for a Hat' and 'The Sociopath Next Door'! This is an excellent resource for any area of interest - fact or fiction - it is a fantastic resource for improving depth and breadth of knowledge. The BPS research digest offers a free email service sending out condensed versions of current research to help students keep abreast of new findings. The BBC news web pages also offer new and relevant stories where Psychology is ever present.