PSYCHOLOGY
A-LEVEL

Examination Board: AQA

Course content:
Students will have the opportunity to take an AS or A level in Psychology. The course content for AS and the first year of A level will aim to develop students broad knowledge and understanding of the core areas of Psychology. During their second year, students studying A level will engage in issues and debates in Psychology as well as studying, in-depth, a number of key topics.

Assessment:

AS level: *(first year of course: most, if not all, students will not sit the AS exam)*

Exam	Method	Duration
1	Externally assessed written examination on: Memory, Attachments and Social Influence	90 mins
2	Externally assessed written examination on: Approaches in Psychology, Psychopathology, Research Methods	90 mins

A level:

Exam	Method	Duration
1	Externally assessed written examination on: Memory, Attachments and Social Influence, Psychopathology	120 mins
2	Externally assessed written examination on: Approaches in Psychology, Biopsychology, Research Methods	120 mins
3	Externally assessed exam on: Issues and debates, Relationships, Eating Behaviour, Aggression.	120 mins

Skills acquired:

- Knowledge and understanding
- Interpretation and analysis
- Research skills
- Presentation skills; an ability to explain behaviours from different psychological perspectives.

Links with other subjects:
Biology PE, Maths, Geography, English.

Possible careers:
Psychology professions e.g. Clinical Psychologist, Sports Psychologist or Educational Psychologist. Any people-centred career eg Teaching; Counselling; Retail Trade or Management.

Prior experience:
Minimum: GCSE Level 5 in Maths, English and Biology [or Double Science] to take A level Psychology

Student comments:
"Psychology is very enjoyable and it's interesting to learn a new subject". "Psychology is interesting, engaging and relevant to our lives". "Psychology is great – I have learnt so much since I've been studying it. "An interesting, unique insight into things you would never have looked at before".