



# 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: Grade C (new grade 5) in Maths, English and Biology [or 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".*