

Sixth Form Subject Information

Psychology



Qualification	A-Level	
Exam Board	AQA.	
Course Leader	Miss Casie Wright	
Course summary	<p>Psychology is the scientific study of thought and behaviour in which we encourage learners to question how they see the world. In A level Psychology, learners get the chance to understand, apply and critically evaluate psychological theories and research. After A Level, learners can choose to study Psychology or a related subject at university (such as Criminology). Psychology has many applications in the world of work including in fields such as education, health, sport, counselling, policing, and business.</p>	
What will students learn?	Year 12 Content	Memory, Attachment, Social Influence, Approaches in Psychology, Biopsychology, Psychopathology, Research Methods, Issues and Debates in Psychology.
	Year 13 Content	Students will build upon their understanding of Research Methods. In addition, we cover option topics. This will include three from Cognition & Development, Relationships, Criminal psychology, Schizophrenia, Eating behaviours and Addiction
How will students be assessed?	<p>The A level course is assessed via terminal examination; there is no coursework and there are no controlled assessments. You will learn about the research process and may get the opportunity to undertake some practical work of your own. In each of the three papers there will be questions that assess your knowledge and understanding of practical Psychology.</p> <p>There are three 2-hour examination papers which are sat at the end of the second year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paper One examines Memory, Attachment, Social Influence and Psychopathology. • Paper Two examines Approaches in Psychology, Biopsychology and Research Methods. • Paper Three examines Issues and Debates in Psychology, plus the three option topics <p>Learners are formally assessed using exam style questions in lessons. They also undertake practice examinations at several points over the two-year course.</p>	
Resources	<p>There are various textbooks, factsheets and web-based resources (including Seneca) available for you to use in lessons and during private study time. Students are issued with a course text book in year 12 and 13.</p>	

