

## Sixth Form Subject Information

# Psychology



<b>Qualification</b>	A-Level	
<b>Exam Board</b>	AQA	
<b>Course Leader</b>	Mrs C White	
<b>Course summary</b>	<p>Psychology is the scientific study of thought and behaviour. We aim to engage learners throughout the various topics and ensure that they are empowered to question what they see in the wider world. Studying Psychology changes the way you see the world, others and yourself. After A Level, students often choose to study Psychology or a related subject at University. Psychology has many applications in the world of work including fields such as education, health and business</p>	
<b>What will students learn?</b>	<b>Year 12 Content</b>	Memory, Attachment, Social Influence, Approaches in Psychology, Biopsychology, Psychopathology, Research Methods
	<b>Year 13 Content</b>	Students will build upon their understanding of Research Methods. In addition we cover Issues and Debates in Psychology, and three option topics - currently these are Cognition & Development, Schizophrenia and Addiction
<b>How will students be assessed?</b>	<p>The A level course is assessed via examination only, there is no coursework and there are no controlled assessments. However practical work will be part of your learning and there will be questions within each paper that assess your knowledge and understanding of practical Psychology.</p> <p>A level Psychology is a two year course, and there are three examination papers which are sat at the end.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paper One examines Memory, Attachment, Social Influence and Psychopathology.</li> <li>• Paper Two examines Approaches in Psychology, Biopsychology and Research Methods.</li> <li>• Paper Three examines Issues and Debates in Psychology, plus the three option topics</li> </ul> <p>All three examination papers are two hours long, and are comprised of a combination of multiple-choice, short answer and extended writing questions. Each paper represents a third of the A level.</p> <p>Learners are assessed formally via timed assignments every two to three weeks. Internal mock examinations take place in January and April.</p>	
<b>Resources</b>	There are various text books available for you to use in lessons and to which you can have access during private study time. Students are issued with a course text book in year 12 and 13.	

