

Psychology

What will I study and learn?

Psychology is taught as a linear course with the A level exams sat at the end of the second year.

Year 1: Introduction into psychology

Memory, Attachment, Psychopathology and Social Influence and Research Methods

In this module you will cover: aspects of memory and eyewitness testimony; the formation of attachments between mother and infant; issues relating to conformity and obedience; and finally, psychopathology, which includes biological and psychological causes of abnormality, including appropriate treatments. You will also cover descriptive statistics.

Psychology in Context: Approaches in Psychology and Research Methods

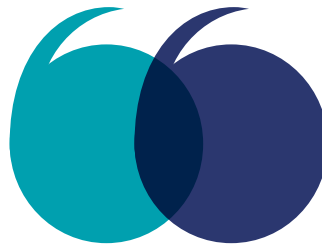
You will look at the main approaches in psychology, including biopsychology, which focuses on the function of the brain, and the ethical and methodological issues involved in carrying out psychological studies and research, including the use of statistical tests.

Year 2: Issues and Options in Psychology: Issues and Debates in Psychology, Stress, Aggression and Gender

You will look at the major issues and debates in psychology, as well as stress, including how the body responds to stress, sources of stress and how to manage stress, and you will focus on what makes us aggressive. Finally, you will explore the difference between gender and sex, how gender identity develops and gender dysphoria.

Future opportunities

You will have the opportunity to go on a number of trips as part of the Psychology course. During the first year, you will attend a psychology conference where professional psychologists will discuss key areas of the course. Additionally, you will participate in a 'Brain Day' with Professor Guy Sutton, who will teach you about the workings of the brain, including a live brain dissection. In the second year, you will visit a category C prison, where you will spend the day touring the facility, speaking with the forensic psychology team, and gaining a deeper understanding of how a prison is run.



Many of the topics covered in Psychology are relatable to our everyday lives. This is what makes it such a relevant and interesting subject to study, as well as the fact that it is a new and intriguing subject to take in the Sixth Form. The teachers offer valuable feedback for your work and always make time for you.”

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Courses: Psychology, Geography and Art





Want to know more?

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How will I be assessed?

Examinations are held at the end of the second year of study. There will be three written papers, each lasting two hours, which are equally weighted towards your final mark. Questions will include compulsory multiple-choice questions, short-answer questions, applied questions and extended writing.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You should be proficient in English, Maths and Science, with a recommended grade 6 in at least one of English or Mathematics.