

# Psychology

## A Level: Level 3

### This Course

This interesting and challenging course allows students to develop a clear and scientific understanding of why humans behave as they do. In comparison to Applied Psychology you will study a wider range of topics. You will explore human behaviours and functions such as memory, criminal behaviour, mental disorders and social influence, from both psychological and biological perspectives. You will learn how to design, conduct and report scientific research studies and explore the limits of such studies.

The course is completed with three external exams at the end of the two years and has no coursework element.

### Why Psychology?

A Level Psychology combines well with any other science A level as well as Geography, PE, Business Studies, Film Studies, Criminology and English Literature. It is a useful subject to study for a broad range of career options and would be valuable in any career which involves working with people. Previous students have gone on to pursue careers in business, sport, law, and finance careers as well as the more obvious police and social care sectors. Many universities recognise Psychology as a science A Level, meaning students who require two sciences for their university course can have Psychology as an enabler.

### What's expected from me?

We expect students to actively participate in class discussions, to have an open and enquiring mind and to work and think independently at all times.

Students should be prepared to take part in group work and in research studies. They will need to utilise their free time effectively to ensure that all work is completed. We want you to challenge each other and members of staff.

**Entry requirements for A Level Psychology:** students should have achieved at least a Grade 5 or above in Mathematics, English and two sciences. A GCSE in Psychology is not required to be successful in this subject at A Level.