

## **PSYCHOLOGY A-LEVEL**

### **WHAT WILL I STUDY?**

Psychology is the science of human behaviour and experience; Psychologists use scientific methods to try to explain our own and others' behaviour.

This course will provide you with a general introduction to psychological theory, research and application. In year one you will study Cognitive Psychology (memory), Developmental Psychology (attachment), Biological Psychology (including brain structure), Social Psychology (including conformity and obedience) and Abnormal Psychology. You will also learn how psychologists conduct experiments, and about major problems and controversies involved in psychological research, including moral and ethical issues.

In year two you will have the opportunity to extend your knowledge by studying areas including Relationship Behaviours (including attraction), Psychopathology (schizophrenia), and Addiction. In addition to this, study in the second year will extend your knowledge of research methods.

### **WHAT NEXT?**

As well as those students keen to study the subject at university and pursue a career in Psychology, the subject is of interest and is relevant to anyone considering a degree course or career where working with and understanding other people is important. The study of Psychology is useful in careers related to human resource management, media, teaching, social care, nursing, working in the criminal justice system and many others.

This course also provides a strong grounding for those wishing to pursue many other subject areas at degree level. Alternatively, students may consider direct entry into employment or further training.

### **ASSESSMENT**

Exam (100%)

### **DURATION**

2 years

### **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

Standard entry requirements to include grade 5 in GCSE English and grade 6 in Maths, grade 4 GCSE Science.

### **EXAM BOARD**

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### **COSTS**

£50 per year for textbooks, workbooks and revision materials.