



Head of subject: **Ms Midwinter**

Minimum entry requirements:
Grade 6 GCSE English Language or English Literature and grade 6 GCSE Biology or 6-6 in Combined Science

Psychology

What will you study in Year 12?

Theories and research into key areas of psychology including Social influence, Memory, Attachment, Psychopathology, Approaches in Psychology (including Biopsychology) and Research Methods. Evaluative assessments of the theories and research studies will underpin your study.

What will you study in Year 13?

Theories and research into key areas such as Schizophrenia, Aggression, Relationships, Gender, Addiction, Forensic Psychology, Biopsychology and Research methods (the design of investigations, statistics, data analysis and application of psychology are key elements of this section). Contemporary synoptic issues and debates in psychology, such as the nature versus nurture debate, ethics, gender bias, culture bias and free will versus determinism will also be discussed in depth.

How will you be assessed during the course?

- In school assessments: Through class debate; 1:1 dialogues; planning and performing experiments; written short answer questions and extended essay writing and timed examinations.
- Formative and summative assessment will be used.

At the end of year 13 you will take 3 examination papers. Each paper is a 2 hour examination and they cover all the topics studied in years 12 and 13.

Further information

- Exam board – AQA <http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/psychology/as-and-a-level/psychology-7181-7182>
- Extra-curricular activities include the Social Science Society and visits to local and national psychology conferences.
- We have access to the print version of The Psychologist magazine and Psychology Review.
- All student are expected to subscribe to and read the BPS Readers Digest <https://digest.bps.org.uk/>
- Trips vary from year to year but we frequently visit the Science Museum, the Freud Museum, Colchester Zoo, the British Psychological Society's annual conference or conferences in London
- We provide extensive personalised 1:1 support
- Psychology is seen as a relevant qualification for a wide range of careers such as becoming a chartered psychologist, sports psychologist or forensic psychologist. More information can be found here www.bps.org.uk/careers