



Head of subject:

Ms Dabrowska

Minimum entry requirements:

Grade 6 GCSE English Literature or English Language and GCSE Biology or 6-6 in Combined Science

Psychology

What will you study in Year 12?

- Introductory topics in psychology; social influence, memory, attachment, psychopathology.
- Psychology in context: approaches in psychology (including biopsychology) and research methods.

What will you study in Year 13?

- Issues and options in psychology: schizophrenia, relationships, forensic psychology and research methods.
- Contemporary issues and debates in psychology; the nature versus nurture debate, ethics, gender bias, culture bias and free will versus determinism.

How will you be assessed during the course?

- Half termly class assessments, class discussion, home learning and an end of Year interna.
- External assessments – 3 Papers at the end of year 13, each of a duration of 2 hours.
- Paper 1 Introductory Topics in Psychology.
- Paper 2 Psychology in Context.
- Paper 3 Issues and Options.
- Questions include; multiple choice, short answer questions and extended writing.

Where could this course lead?

- Psychology is seen as a relevant qualification for a wide range of degrees and is accepted as a science subject by many universities. Psychology develops the following academic skills which are useful in range of degree courses; the ability to assess the validity and reliability of data and research, Designing and planning research using the scientific metho, sound research skills and essay writing as well as critical thinking skills.
- There are also a variety of careers in within psychology, for example, Forensic Psychology, workign with the prison system and rehabilitation, Clinical Psychology workign within the NHS and Educational psychology working within and education to support students with special educaitional needs.

Further information

- Exam board – AQA <http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/psychology/as-and-a-level/psychology-7181-7182>
- Extra-curricular activities include Psychology Society and visits to local and national psychology lectures.
- 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 and other conference in London.
- We provide extensive personalised 1:1 support.