

A photograph of four students (three young women and one young man) sitting around a table in a classroom, looking at papers and talking. The background shows classroom posters and a bulletin board.

# Psychology

## A Level

Psychology is the scientific study of the mind and behaviour. The course looks at classic and contemporary studies in Psychology which are compared and contrasted. Examples include eye witness testimony, language of psychopaths, phobias, IQ testing, obedience, will power and brain structure of taxi drivers. These areas are developed in Year 2 where we look at mental health, criminal behaviour and sport psychology.

### Course Overview

Unit 1: Research Methods.

Unit 2: Psychological Themes Through Core Studies.

Unit 3: Applied Psychology (Sport/Criminal/Mental Health).

### How will I learn?

Seminars; discussions; independent research; self and peer assessment; presentations; group work, role plays.

### Where can I go after the course?

Careers: Teaching; Medicine; Personnel Management; Business; Customer Relations; Social Work; Police Force; Probation Services; Nursing; Counselling.

Further Education: Psychology; Sociology; Law; Business; Human Resources.

### Entry Requirements

Standard 6th Form entry requirements.

It is preferred that students have a minimum of a GCSE grade 6 in this or a related subject.

No previous study of Psychology is necessary. However, a good grasp of mathematics and good writing skills are essential, therefore a minimum GCSE grade 6 in English and Maths are required. 10% of marks are awarded for numeracy skills.

### Assessment at the end of Year 2

Three written exams of 2 hours each.