



## Why study Psychology?

Psychology is the scientific study of mind and behaviour. It will enable you to analyse human behaviour with a greater depth of understanding, and develop scientific research skills.

## What is the course structure?

We will be following the AQA Psychology syllabus (7182).

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Students are assessed with internal school examinations at the end of Year 12. There are two examinations both of 90 minutes duration. Assessments are based on year 1 knowledge and understanding, analysis and evaluation and understanding of how science works.

Exams are very content heavy and students are required to write with breadth and depth.

### Which activities will I be engaged in during the course?

- Debate and discussion
- Research
- Use of scientific methods for collecting and analysing data
- Analysing and evaluating theories and research studies
- Psychological experiments
- Interviewing and surveying other people
- Mathematical skills including statistical and qualitative analysis
- Visits/conferences

### How can I prepare for the course?

You will be expected to research widely and independently, plan and carry out investigations, advance psychological arguments and hypotheses, evaluate evidence and question and think critically about every aspect you study.

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