

## **Psychology**

Do our childhood experiences affect us as adults? Are males more obedient than females? Are phobias learnt? How many items can our memory hold? Are eating disorders genetically determined?

In the Psychology Department we aim to help students to develop essential knowledge and understanding of different areas of the subject and how they relate to each other. Our lessons will help develop and demonstrate a deep appreciation of skills, knowledge and understanding of scientific methods as well as develop the competence and confidence in a variety of practical and mathematical skills related to psychological investigations.

We hope to engage student's interest in and enthusiasm for psychology, including developing an interest in further study and careers associated with the subject. Students will learn the fundamentals of psychology and develop skills valued by Higher Education and employers, including critical analysis, independent thinking and research.

We study Psychology A level following the AQA (A) 2015 Specification.

In lessons you will study three units that cover:

1. Introductory topics in psychology, social influence, memory, attachment and psychopathology.
2. Psychology in context; psychological approaches, bio psychology, research methods and the scientific process, data handling and inferential statistical testing.

3. Issues and options in psychology; issues and debates in psychology and three topics chosen from a range of psychological concepts e.g. gender, aggression, schizophrenia, eating behaviour, stress and relationships.

The A-level specification is designed to be taken over two years with all assessments taken at the end of the course. Assessment is made up of three written exams.