

# Psychology

## About the course

Psychology is the study of human behaviour. In our lessons, we explore the competing explanations for why we behave like we do. Psychology is all around us, for example, the way in which we interact and communicate with each other. Psychology is used in the world of businesses and advertising, in education, in medicine and in the study of crime. Studying Psychology gives students an insight into the challenges that they and others face in everyday life.

### You will learn about:

- **Memory** - including how we remember and forget  
And the impact of eyewitness testimony on criminal trials
- **Attachment** - including the implications of not forming bonds with parents and the links to criminal behaviour
- **Research Methods**
- **Social influence** (conformity and obedience) and individual differences
- **Psychopathology** - including psychological explanations and treatments for phobias, OCD and depression
- **Gender development** and whether gender is caused by nature or nurture - an in depth study into transgender and gender dysphoria
- **Schizophrenia** and its different explanations and treatments including biological and social influences
- **Aggression** - including a nature/nurture debate and whether aggression is learnt through copying role models or biologically determined, e.g. by hormones, genetics or evolution. Includes an in-depth study into prison violence
- **Psychological Research and Scientific Method**



***The interesting  
subject material  
keeps the  
information in your  
head  
Jack, Year 13***

## How it will be assessed

The full A level will be assessed through three examination papers taken at the end of Year 13.

## What it prepares you for

After completing A Level Psychology, most of our students go on to university. Others go into careers such as nursing, midwifery, social work, the police and probation services.

