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| Course Title: A Level PSYCHOLOGY Awarding Body: AQA Further information available from: MISS CANTWELL |
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Course requirements: At least a 5 in Maths GCSE, a 5 in Science due to the scientific content and a 5 in English Language or English Literature due to the extended writing skills required.

What is Psychology?

Psychology is the scientific study of the brain and behaviour. You will study both traditional and modern Psychological theories at A-level. The new specification places significantly more emphasis on Science (particularly Biology) and Maths. Students are now expected to apply mathematical concepts and complete mathematical calculations in each of the Psychology exam papers.

Due to its scientific nature, Psychology is a challenging but rewarding subject. You will be assessed by your teachers every two weeks. There will be formal mock exams throughout the course.

Course Outline and assessment

Students will sit three exams at the end of year 13.

Paper 1: Introductory topics in Psychology *This is a two hour paper worth 96 marks with four compulsory sections that require extended essay writing*

- Social influence (why people conform and obey)
- Memory
- Attachment (the caregiver-child relationship)
- Psychopathology (explanation and treatment of mental illness)

Paper 2: Psychology in context *This is a two hour paper worth 96 marks with three compulsory sections that require extended essay writing*

- Theories in Psychology
- Biopsychology (a science based module)
- Research methods

Paper 3: Issues and options in Psychology *This is a two hour paper worth 96 marks with three sections that require extended essay writing*

- Issues and debates in Psychology
- Relationships
- Eating behaviour
- Addiction