



## COURSE SUMMARY

A Level Psychology includes some of the most popular and controversial psychology topics of study. The area of social influence in the first year of study gives students the opportunity to investigate and replicate some of the most interesting topics in psychology. There are also opportunities to study mental illnesses and abnormal behaviour including OCD, depression schizophrenia and phobias. As the A Level course involves science and maths elements, students are expected to plan, carry out, present and analyse data from their own investigations, which makes the new A Level course more in line with university study and psychology in the real world. There is also the opportunity in Year 13 to study forensic psychology which includes investigating serial killers and the profiling techniques used to catch them.

*"I hope to go to university to study Law. I have studied Psychology, Classical Civilisation and History at A Level."* Catherine



### WHY STUDY PSYCHOLOGY?

Psychology is a great subject to study as it enables you to develop a unique understanding about yourselves as well as others. The course explores aspects of human behaviour that will help your learning and memory performance in daily life, while also developing an understanding of the causes of psychological disorders. As well as this, Psychology also teaches you about various research methods and an analytical way of thinking which you can apply in a range of contexts, making it an excellent subject for a range of careers.

"Studying Psychology at A Level has inspired me to go on to study Law as it has helped me to understand why people do certain things and ethical reasons behind various actions. It's not only this evident psychological basis that's encouraged me to study a subject like Law, the analytical skills involved in writing essays and selecting various research to back up knowledge will also stand me in good stead for future study." Victoria

### WHAT HAPPENS IN LESSONS?

"Studying Psychology A Level has really helped me to understand multiple explanations for why people act in certain ways. In addition, the lessons are consistently fun and engaging because of the subjects fascinating nature" Lucy

### COURSE ASSESSMENT

This is a linear course. This means that students opting for an A Level in this subject will be committing to a two-year linear course, with all units examined at the end of Year 13. As part of our course there are rigorous assessments tracking progress throughout the two year course that are designed to prepare all of our students for the challenges of three final two-hour exams.

### MIGHT LEAD TO...

Due to the various high level skills acquired through studying psychology, there are many career paths open to psychology graduates; teacher training, health professionals, counselling and therapy, working with the police, working with SEN children and much more.

### ADVICE ON ENTRY

The course involves significant English, Science and Mathematics skills and elements. Grade 5 and above in these subjects at GCSE is preferred.

### READING AROUND THE SUBJECT

- [St Barts Psychology](#)
- [PsychCrunch](#)
- [BBC Science: Human Body and Mind](#)
- [Very Well Mind](#)