

# COURSE OUTLINE

## PSYCHOLOGY - A LEVEL



St Katherine's School



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Psychology is the science of mind and behaviour. We use scientific methods in order to explore how and why people behave the way that they do. Psychology covers a broad range of topic areas which aim to prepare learners for a variety of university courses and employment opportunities such as education, sport, health and media. Psychology will suit students who are interested in other people and the differences between us all.

### DETAILS ABOUT THE COURSE

#### Topics covered:

Cognitive functioning, Developmental psychology, Research methodologies, Social influences, Biopsychology, Issues and debates, Relationships, Schizophrenia, Aggression.

#### Co-curricular/trips:

Attend A level conference in London with world famous key note speaker. Possible trip to Bristol Zoo to experience observational research. Opportunity for students to attend specialist exam focused workshops.

#### Future prospects:

Psychologist, teaching, counselling, marketing, consulting, human resource management.

#### You might also take...

Biology, PE, English, geography, history, maths, sport, philosophy and ethics.

### KEY INFORMATION

#### Prior attainment:

Five grades at 9-4  
Grade 5 in GCSE biology, grade 5 in maths and grade 5 in English required  
Grade 6 in GCSE biology, grade 6 in maths and grade 6 in English desirable

#### Assessment:

Three 2 hour exams at the end of Year 13:  
Introductory topics in psychology  
Psychology in context  
Issues and options in psychology

**Application of knowledge, evaluation, teamwork, independence and communication are all essential.**