

# Psychology

## Awarding Body

Oxford, Cambridge and RSA (OCR)

## Course Level

AS and A2 level

## Course Leader

Mrs S. Newman

## Entry Requirements

5 GCSE's at grade C or above to include English, Maths and Science.

## Course Description

The course reviews a number of important research studies, gives practical exercises that encourage an appreciation of the methods of psychology and analyses the ways in which psychology has been applied to real life topics.

<b>AS Level: 2 units</b>	<b>A2 Level: 2 units</b>
<b>G542 Core Studies – Exam 2 hours</b>	<b>G543 Options In Applied Psychology – Exam 2 hour</b>
Students study 15 core studies covering 5 different areas of psychology (Cognitive, Social, Developmental, Physiological, Individual Differences). Studies range from teaching language to a chimp to investigating the psychology of gambling. Students will be expected to know these studies in detail and be able to evaluate the relevant underpinning psychological approach. In the exam, students will have to answer a series of short questions testing their knowledge of the key elements of the studies and the background theories. Students will also have to answer longer questions on the evaluation of the studies covering issues such as reductionism and ecological validity.	Students will study Health & Clinical Psychology and Forensic Psychology. These two topics will give students a chance to see how psychology is used in the real world. They will learn to describe and evaluate a range of studies and real life examples. The exam will consist of in-depth questions testing their knowledge of the studies and theories. They will also need to show their evaluation skills.
<b>G541 Psychological Investigations – Exam 1 hour</b>	<b>G544 Approaches &amp; Research Methods in Psychology – Exam 1 ½ hours</b>
Students will carry out 4 practical exercises to experience the different methodological techniques used in psychology (experiment, observation, correlation, questionnaire). In the exam, they will be tested on their knowledge of methodological issues and will need to be able to interpret data.	This unit will build on the material covered in unit G541. Students will study a range of perspectives, issues, methods and debates in psychology. They will build on their knowledge of research design and implementation. This unit will bring together all the knowledge and understanding from the other units.