

PSYCHOLOGY

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Psychology is the scientific study of the mind and human behaviour. Psychologists observe and conduct experiments to find out more about the way people behave and interact. They try to understand what motivates, challenges or changes us and use this understanding to help us tackle personal and social problems.

THE COURSE

In the Lower Sixth, pupils will study the foundations of Psychology, which focus on the areas that have underpinned modern psychological understanding. In the Upper Sixth, pupils will study clinical psychology and criminological psychology to learn how our understanding of the subject is applied today. The third course component is psychological research skills and methods.

This course encourages pupils to: develop essential knowledge and understanding of different areas of the subject and how they relate to each other, to develop and demonstrate a deep appreciation of the skills, knowledge and understanding of scientific methods, to develop competence and confidence in a variety of practical, mathematical and problem-solving skills, to appreciate how society makes decisions about scientific issues and how the sciences contribute to the success of the economy and society.

ASSESSMENTS

- Paper 1 - Foundations in Psychology
35% (2 hrs)
- Paper 2 - Application in Psychology
35% (2 hrs)
- Paper 3 - Psychological Skills
30% (2 hrs)

BEYOND THE COURSE

Psychologists will develop transferable skills, such as cognitive and communication skills, which support study in a wide range of subjects at university and the transition to employment.

The development and application of Mathematical skills, including quantitative and analytical analysis, and forming and testing hypotheses, prepare pupils for the study of Psychology and related courses at university. Recent St George's leavers have studied Psychology at Durham, Loughborough, York, Nottingham, Exeter, Westminster and UCL.