

PSYCHOLOGY



**BEVERLEY
JOINT
SIXTH**



YEAR 12 – AS LEVEL 2012

The word Psychology means “the study of the mind” and a psychologist sets out to examine human behaviour and explain why people behave the way they do. An A level in psychology introduces you to the scientific study of a wide range of behaviour.

- We use the OCR syllabus and at AS level you will analyse, in depth, 15 psychological studies. These examine questions such as
 - “Why people obey authority”
 - “How accurate are eyewitnesses?”
 - “Is aggressive behaviour learned?”
 - “Do certain types of experience alter your brain?”
 - “What is multiple personality disorder?”
- You will also become familiar with 4 techniques used by psychologists to investigate human behaviour: self report, experiment, observation and correlation.



YEAR 13 – A2 LEVEL

At this level you will study 2 areas of Applied Psychology in depth. These will be:

- **Forensic Psychology**, which includes:
 - Psychological explanations of crime
 - How psychology can inform the work of the police
 - How psychology can inform the punishment and treatment of offenders
 - What psychologists have found out about influences in the courtroom
- **Health and Clinical Psychology**, which includes:
 - The factors which influence our choice of healthy or unhealthy lifestyles
 - The causes and management of stress
 - Diagnosing dysfunctional behaviour
 - The study of disorders e.g. phobia
- You will also study in greater depth: Approaches and Research Methods used in Psychology

Career Opportunities: Psychology is not just a ticket to becoming a ‘psychologist’. As a boom subject in higher education it has practical applications that are valued in management, personnel, social services, education, health services and many other fields of employment.

