

# Psychology

GCSE Qualification - OCR

Course Leader: Ms Toulson

## Successful learner profile

- Works with real determination and drive.
- Is curious about people and what makes them behave as they do.
- Ability to interpret data and complete computation, such as descriptive statistics
- Can articulate their ideas within extended writing.
- Can think critically and discuss.

## Why choose this course?

- Psychology is the scientific study of the brain and behaviour. Students will explore how the mind works and why people do the things they do through looking at research studies completed by psychologists over many years. It is incredibly interesting and will develop your personal, learning and thinking skills. The skills you learn in Psychology will complement other subjects that you might study at KS4 such as Science, English, Geography and History.
- You will have the opportunity to plan, conduct and analysis your own practical class. Experiments.
- There will also be lots of opportunities to participate in class replications of studies in order to support students own critical understanding of research findings and conclusions.

## What will you study?

- **Year 10 : Paper 1 – Research methods, criminal psychology, development and psychological problems.**
- **Year 11: Paper 2...social influence, memory, sleep,**

## How will you be assessed?

- Examination (100%). There is no coursework, but regular short and longer extended writing essays will be set.
- Two 1 hour ½ written exams at the end of Year 11.
- A formal mock exam will assess progress at the end of Year 10 and just before Christmas in Year 11.
- Smaller mid topic and end of unit synoptic assessments will occur at other times across Year 10 and 11.

## Possible progression post 16

- This GCSE course is ideal preparation for the Psychology A Level course on offer in the Sixth Form at Egguckland Community College.

## Weblinks

<https://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/gcse/psychology-j203-from-2017/>

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