



A LEVEL PSYCHOLOGY

<u>EXAM BOARD</u> OCR
<u>CONTENT</u> The course covers the 5 key areas in psychology – Social psychology, Cognitive psychology, Developmental psychology, Biological psychology and Individual differences. Optional units in the 2 nd year of the course allow students to focus on more applied areas of psychology, for example Sport psychology, Criminal psychology and Educational psychology. In year 1, the course has a significant focus on Research methods and how psychologists work in their areas.
<u>COURSE STRUCTURE</u> The course is divided into three sections; with three corresponding exam papers. Paper 1 – Research methods Paper 2 – Core studies, Areas, Perspectives and Debates Paper 3 – Issues in mental health and 2 option units
<u>METHOD OF ASSESSMENT</u> <i>3 exams at the end of the 2nd year.</i> <i>Paper 1 – 2 hours (90 marks)</i> <i>Paper 2 – 2 hours (105 marks)</i> <i>Paper 3 – 2 hours (105 marks)</i>
<u>ENTRY REQUIREMENTS</u> GCSE Science (Biology) – 6 GCSE Maths – 5 GCSE English - 5
From current year 13 Psychology Student: <i>'A-Level Psychology is really interesting. It often helps me understand 'why' stuff happens and allows me to see other people's perspectives. It has offered me a real insight into things like mental illness and has changed my perspective on the world.'</i>

