Headlands School

Subject Information

Overview:

Psychology is the scientific study of the brain and behaviour.

Headlands School follows the AQA syllabus.

This consists of three exam papers, each 2 hours long all sat at the end of the final year. There is no coursework

Psychology

Year12

Term 1:

You will explore the approaches that psychologists take when trying to explain human behaviour and also begin to examine the various methods that they use. You will be encouraged to carry out small scale practical tasks—designing observations, questionnaires and interviews.

You will also begin work on the compulsory topics of Social Influence, Memory and Attachment.

Term 2:

One of your teachers will continue to teach the research methods used by psychologists whilst the other looks at the compulsory topic of psychopathology. In this topic you will examine in depth the mental conditions of phobia, depression and OCD.

Term 3:

Understanding the biology of the brain and some key bodily systems will help you to understand and explain human behaviour. So, this term has an emphasis on biology, especially the brain.