PSYCHOLOGY (with Sociology)
AT HIGH STORRS SCHOOL
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PSYCHOLOGY is offered at GCSE and A level. Both the GCSE and the A Level should encourage candidates to develop their interest in the subject, including developing an interest in further study and careers. The Psychology department is a successful and well-attended subject. All formal assessment is in the form of external exams with no formal coursework. The specification covered is AQA A Level and AQA GCE Psychology.

No prior study of Psychology is expected from students. The skills needed for the Psychology course are developed during the course itself. Psychology is a demanding subject requiring commitment and energy. However, most students who choose Psychology as an option enjoy the course and ultimately do very well in their grades; several of whom take up Psychology at Higher Education level.

SOCIOLOGY is offered at A level and GCSE. We follow the **AQA** specification for each. For September 2019 we expect to have 3 A level groups in Y12 and 3 in Y13. We teach either Family (usually) or Culture and Identity for Paper 2, along with Media. At GCSE we have one group which will be a mix of Y11 and Y10 pupils – this is a one-year GCSE taught across 5 hours per week. Results are always good to outstanding. In 2017 the ALPS scores were 2(Outstanding) for Sociology and 3(Excellent) for Politics. Our GCSE results regularly meet or exceed the overall school performance in GCSE.

The Sociology teaching element is likely to be 3 hours per week (Y12) in 2019-20. Where possible all groups are shared between two teachers – offering teachers a chance to specialise in topics, and allowing pupils the benefit of different teachers' expertise and skills. On occasion groups are taught by one teacher only so all teachers in the team must be prepared to deliver a complete specification in a subject. The current Sociology team can teach every topic in every course.

If you require any further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact school.