



Psychology

Psychology was introduced as an A-Level in 2019 and has since seen great success, with 67 students currently enrolled across year 12 and 13 this year. A number of Year 13 students are continuing their studies at university and have applied for a diverse range of psychology related courses. We are excited to expand further, with two Year 12 sets planned for September 2025 and anticipate continued growth in the years ahead.

The department benefits from a dedicated classroom and a wealth of online resources to support learning. We have developed an extensive library of up-to-date materials, including a Kerboodle subscription for The Complete Companion, which provides digital textbooks for both teachers and students, along with teaching and assessment tools. Google Classroom is widely used, and we are always exploring innovative approaches to enhance teaching and learning. Additionally, Psychology enjoys a well-stocked section in our Learning Resources Centre to further support student success. We follow the AQA A level specification and the teaching is organised as shown below:

<u>Year 12</u>	<u>Year 13</u>
Social influence	Issues and debates
Memory	Research methods 2
Attachment	Biopsychology 2
Approaches in Psychology	
Psychopathology	plus chosen modules as follows:
Research methods 1	Gender
Biopsychology 1	Schizophrenia
Extended Project research work	Forensic Psychology

Super-curricular and enrichment activities have played a key role in enhancing the psychology curriculum. Highlights include an annual trip to Paris for a psychology conference, a "Brain Day" conference held within the school featuring Dr. Guy Sutton, and regular participation in the National Psychology Conference. Students also attend various external conferences, such as Psychology in Action. We actively encourage guest speakers, including Simon Crampton, a sports psychologist for the Olympic sailing team. Additionally, the Year 12 students run a vibrant Psychology Society, where they engage in discussions on current issues, and several students have become mental health ambassadors, inspired by their interest in psychology.

Currently, the subject is taught by two specialist teachers, one of whom is in their Early Career Teacher (ECT) year.

Tiffin Sixth Form is a vibrant and intellectually stimulating community and offers a wonderful environment for teaching. It is a large, mixed Sixth Form of around 500 students, including

approximately 40% who are new to Tiffin. We believe the blend of existing and new students creates a fantastically diverse and fresh atmosphere. We are fortunate to be able to attract academically able and ambitious students, which makes teaching here a genuine pleasure. This is reflected in the School's excellent academic outcomes, which are all available on the website.

The Psychology department has quickly established itself as an integral part of the Sixth Form and its success is reflected in the growth in numbers wanting to study the subject. However, this is just the start and there is an amazing opportunity to lead further initiatives and developments to make Tiffin Psychology very special indeed.