



# Year 13 Psychology



What have students at St. Crispin's been taught to understand and be able to do?

Core Knowledge	Core Skills
<p><b>Learning about Psychology in the following units and topics:</b></p> <p><b>Issues and debates in Psychology</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Explore relationships including the evolutionary explanations for partner preferences; factors affecting attraction in romantic relationships; theories of romantic relationships; virtual relationships and parasocial relationships</li><li>• Aggression including neural and hormonal mechanisms in aggression; the ethological explanation of aggression; social psychological explanations of human aggression; institutional aggression in the context of prisons; media influences on aggression</li><li>• Schizophrenia including classifications; biological explanations; psychological explanations; drug therapy; cognitive behaviour therapy and family therapy; and the importance of an interactionist approach in explaining and treating schizophrenia</li><li>• Gender and culture</li><li>• Free will and determinism</li><li>• The nature-nurture debate</li><li>• Idiographic and nomothetic approaches to psychological investigation</li><li>• Ethical implications of research studies and theory, including reference to social sensitivity.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of scientific ideas, processes, techniques and procedures</li><li>• Apply knowledge and understanding of these in theoretical and practical contexts</li><li>• Apply knowledge and understanding of these when handling qualitative and quantitative data</li><li>• Analyse, interpret and evaluate scientific information, ideas and evidence</li><li>• Relate evaluation to a range of issues in order to make judgements and reach conclusions as well as to develop and refine practical design and procedures.</li></ul>



## Year 13 Psychology continued



### How has learning been assessed?

End of topic assessment at the end of each topic, in line with what students would have to complete in their terminal exams.

#### **Mock exams in January of Year 13.**

#### **Final A-Level exams:**

- Introductory Topics in Psychology (33.3%) 96 marks, 2 hour written exam
- Psychology in Context (33.3%) 96 marks, 2 hour written exam
- Issues and Options in Psychology (33.3%) 96 marks, 2 hour written exam.