



BRUTON SCHOOL

FOR GIRLS

ON SUNNY HILL

Psychology

Mrs C Buchanan

Academic Requirements

Candidates would be expected to possess a minimum of Grade B at GCSE Mathematics and English. A science, particularly Biology, would be an advantage. Students whose first language is not English would find the terminology difficult unless their English is of a good standard.

Course Specification: AQA Psychology A (2180)

The course consists of the following topics:

Year 1

- Social Influence
- Memory
- Attachment
- Psychopathology
- Approaches to Psychology
- Research Methods

Year 2

- Biopsychology
- Issues and debates
- Student choice – Gender/Relationships/Cognition and Development/Schizophrenia/ Eating Behaviour/ Stress/ Aggression/ Forensic Psychology/ Addiction

Why Psychology?

People have always been interested in how the mind works and what causes behaviour. The roots of modern psychology go back to the ancient Greek philosophers of the 4th century BC. Psychology as an established branch of knowledge started in the 19th century and it continues to grow and flourish across the contemporary world.



Patrons: Mrs A Maw, Lord-Lieutenant of Somerset and Lady Gass DCVO

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Psychology is a fascinating and diverse subject which is ideal for students who are puzzled and interested in human behaviour. Psychology is classed as a Social Science and has many overlaps with Biology. On the A level course you will find out about the five main approaches to Psychology and some ground-breaking research which has been used to make positive change in the fields of marketing, education, health, sport and social policy.

At Bruton School for Girls you will study the AQA syllabus and you will sit 4 written examinations. During the first year you will study Social Influence, Memory, Attachment, Approaches in Psychology and Research Methods. You will also have an opportunity to plan and carry out research. The second year focuses on Biopsychology, Psychopathology, Aggression, Forensic Psychology and Addiction. There is no coursework requirement for this course.

A Student's Perspective

“Psychology is a very interesting and enjoyable subject. Through Psychology we learn aspects that can be applied to daily life, such as the study of people and interaction within society.”