**Name of Subject:** Psychology

**Stage:** 1

**General information:** Psychology sits at the crossroads between the life sciences and the humanities. The subject aims to describe and explain both the universality of human experience, and individual and cultural diversity. It does this through the systematic study of behaviour, the processes that underlie it, and the factors that influence it. Through such study, students can come to better understand themselves and their social worlds. Psychology also addresses the ways in which behaviour can be changed. The ethics of research and intervention are therefore an integral aspect of psychology. The study of psychology builds on the scientific method by involving students in the collection and analysis of qualitative and quantitative data. By emphasising evidence-based procedures (that is, observation, experimentation, and experience), this subject allows students to develop useful skills in analytical and critical thinking, and in making inferences.

**Content:** The compulsory topic of *Introduction to Psychology* is studied first, followed by two of the following topics in a semester period - *Social Behaviour, Intelligence, Cognition, Brain and Behaviour, Human Psychological Development or Emotion.*

**Assessments:**
- 1000 word Investigation (25%)
- 5 minute oral Issues Investigation (25%)
- 60 minute Test (20%)
- 1000 word Application Task (20%)
- 2 hour Examination (10%)

**Special Information:** Whilst this is a science based subject, please note the written requirements of the subject.

**Prerequisites:** Nil

**Preferred prerequisites:** Nil