MARICOURT
SIXTH FORM
CENTRE

# PSYCHOLOGY

## WHAT IS IT?

In a sense you are already a psychologist and have been most of your life. We are all interested in what makes people tick. When we first meet people we ask questions and we observe their behavior in order to find out about them. We also try to present a good image of ourselves to them. Studying A level Psychology takes this interest further than 'everyday Psychology'. Psychology is the study of people how people think, how they act, react and interact. Studying Psychology provides the student with a scientific way of analysing thinking and behavior.

## REQUIREMENTS

GCSE average points score of Grade 5, including GCSE English —Grade 5
GCSE Maths—Grade 5

## ASSESSMENT

Assessment will all be by examination at the end of Y13. Examinations will include; multiple choice questions, short answers and extended writing to a maximum of 16 mark essays. There are 3 x 2hr papers in total.
Paper 1: Introductory topics in Psychology
Paper 2: Psychology in context
Paper 3: Issues and options in psychology

## CONTENT

Cognitive Psychology
Developmental Psychology
Social Psychology
Research Methods
Approaches in Psychology
Psychpathology
Biopsychology
Issues and debates in Psychology
Gender
Schizophrenia
Psychological Research and scientific Method