

Psychology A Level

Entry Requirement: Grade 7 Psychology or Biology or Science & Additional Science

Awarding Body: AQA

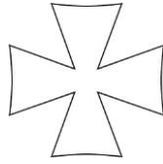
What will we study in Psychology?

In Psychology students will learn about a plethora of psychological issues, from the wonder in the attachment between a mother and her child to the reasons the atrocities of the Holocaust took place. You will discover how we remember things, how to improve your memory for exams and what it means to have an addiction to celebrity worship. You will learn why prescribed drugs can help to treat depression and schizophrenia, and how psychological therapies can treat phobias, OCD, and brain damage among others.

Over the course, students will cover the key approaches to psychology; from the biological discipline to the humanistic approach and the outlook of the behaviourists, to the school of cognitive psychological thought. In Year 12 students will study highly relevant and interesting topics such as the various ways in which psychological abnormalities are managed, the ways in which a minority can influence a majority, reasons why people obey authority, and why eyewitness testimonies might vary in accuracy.

In Year 13, students will take an in-depth look at the symptoms and treatments of schizophrenia, as well as looking at aggression and questions such as how does evolution explain warfare? Why do some sports fans become obsessive and aggressive? And what sort of aggression can occur in prisons? In addition, in Year 13 students will look at the psychological reasons for the development and breakdown of romantic relationships, and the growth of virtual relationships.

During both years of the qualification, students will complete modules in Research Methods, where they will scrutinise psychology as a science, and will even complete some psychological studies of their own. The course will inspire students to seek to understand human behaviour; their own, that of others, and that of society as a whole. A Level Psychology will support further study in a variety of areas, including clinical psychology, medicine, neuroscience, law and teaching. It combines well with all other A Level subjects and is a useful qualification as it seeks to understand human behaviour.



Who will teach Psychology?

Psychology will be taught by Miss Buckley and Mrs Cyphus using a highly structured approach. All resources are available on the Digital Classroom to help students study and revise independently.

What results are achieved in A Level Psychology?

In June 2024 and 2025 combined 40% of our students achieved a Grade A*.

Examinations

Paper 1: Introductory Topics in Psychology

Social Influence, Memory, Attachment, Psychopathology

2 hours, 96 marks

Paper 2: Psychology in Context

Approaches in psychology, Biopsychology, Research Methods

2 hours, 96 marks

Paper 3: Issues and Options in Psychology

Issues and Debates in Psychology, Relationships, Schizophrenia, Aggression

2 hours, 96 marks

Who should I contact for more information?

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