



Psychology

Advanced Level



Exam Board: AQA

Entry Requirements:

At least a 'B/6' grade at GCSE Science, Maths and English.

"A student who studies Psychology at A Level would have a scientific desire for proof and evidence, be confident in handling data and statistics and be looking to take a science-based course at university."

A Level GCE in Psychology

Key Features

- A-level Psychology will give you an understanding of the way people think and why people behave in certain ways.
- You will learn a variety of skills including analytical thinking, improved communication, problem solving and many more that will prepare you for an exciting future with the possibility of a range of fantastic careers.

The aims of this specification in Psychology is to encourage candidates to:

- demonstrate knowledge and understanding of psychological concepts, theories, research studies, research methods and ethical issues in relation to the specified content;
- apply psychological knowledge and understanding of the specified content in a range of contexts;
- analyse, interpret and evaluate psychological concepts, theories, research studies and research methods in relation to the specified content;
- evaluate therapies and treatments including in terms of their appropriateness and effectiveness.
- knowledge and understanding of research methods, practical research skills and mathematical skills will be assessed in Paper1 & 2. These skills should be developed through study of the specification content and through ethical practical research activities, involving:
 - designing research
 - conducting research
 - analysing and interpreting data.

What do you study in Psychology?

Research methods and statistics permeate the whole course, plus:

Year 1

- Social influence, Memory, Attachment, Approaches in psychology, Biopsychology, Psychopathology, Research methods

Year 2

Compulsory content: Issues and debates in psychology

Optional content

- **Option one:** Relationships, Gender, Cognition and development
- **Option two:** Schizophrenia, Eating behaviour, Stress
- **Option three:** Aggression, Forensic psychology, Addiction

Do you have coursework? No

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When are your exams?

At A-level there are three exams, each account for one third of your A-level. The three exams last 2 hours and are worth 96 marks each. The exams consist of multiple choice, short answer and extended writing questions.

On to which courses could I progress at university?

As well as the obvious psychologically-based courses, there are: nursing, sociology, criminology, anthropology, counselling, psychobiology, education, management studies, advertising, neuroscience, sports science, forensic psychology, psychosocial studies, abnormal psychological studies, childhood studies, human resourcing, ethics, therapies, human studies, cultural studies, identity and learning, animal behaviour and care and more...

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