

A level Psychology



Why do people obey? Why is it important for children to form attachments? Which area of the brain controls language and what happens if this is damaged? Are psychopaths born or made? What causes schizophrenia? How do psychologists do their research? Is gender identity inherited or the result of the environment? Psychology is concerned with all aspects of behaviour and with the thoughts, feelings and motivations underlying that behaviour.

Psychologists are interested in what makes people tick and how this understanding can help solve major problems in society. You will study all of the above questions in an interesting and scientific manner and we hope we will be able to give you a better insight into human behaviour.

Subject specific entry requirements

In addition to the standard entry requirements, the following subject entry criteria should be met:

- 5 in GCSE English; 5 in GCSE Science; 5 in GCSE Maths

Exam Board

AQA A level: 7182 <http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/psychology/as-and-a-level/psychology-7181-7182>

Assessment

A level - 2 year course	
Paper 1: Introductory Topics in Psychology Social Influence, Memory, Attachment, Psychopathology	3 x 2 hour written exams each 96 marks Multiple choice, short answer and extended writing questions Each paper is 33.3% of A level
Paper 2: Psychology in Context Approaches in Psychology, Biopsychology, Research methods	
Paper 3: Issues & Options in Psychology Issues & Debates in Psychology (gender & culture bias, free will & determinism, holism & reductionism, nature-nurture, idiographic & nomothetic approaches, ethical implications) <i>One topic from each of the following three options:</i> Option 1: Relationships, Gender, Cognition & Development Option 2: Schizophrenia, Eating Behaviour, Stress Option 3: Aggression, Forensic, Addiction	

This course will lead to:

As Psychology is the study of human behaviour it is useful in many areas such as marketing, management, health, sports and education. If you want to train as a psychologist you can choose from a wide variety of careers such as clinical psychologist, forensic psychologist and educational psychologist to name a few.

*Psychology is an interesting and exciting subject that pulls you in to learn about people and their behaviour...
join psychology! You won't regret it."*

Bethan Baird