

	<u>PSYCHOLOGY</u>	
	Qualification Level	A-level
	Exam Board/ Syllabus	AQA
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Why Study This Course?

What makes people behave the way they do? Studying psychology can help students to gain a better understanding of themselves and the people around them, better communication skills, and analytical thinking skills. Within the subject we cover a range of different topics including memory, stress, conformity, obedience, sleep, relationships and abnormality. Students are also given the chance to look at research methods, design and conduct their own research. Students will be expected to have a good understanding of mathematics and science to enable them to interpret data, use statistical tests and identify trends. As a result, psychology is able to give students a deeper understanding of the world around them and develop their analysis and evaluation skills.

Course Content

Year 1: you will study six core topics of work designed to give you a broad overview of the main approaches to understanding human behaviour. The topics covered:

- Social influence
- Memory
- Attachment
- Psychopathology
- Approaches in Psychology
- Research Methods

Year 2: you build upon your existing knowledge of psychological concepts to increase your understanding human behaviour and Psychology. You will develop your knowledge of research methods and cover a further five topics including:

- Biopsychology
- Forensic psychology
- Relationships
- Issues and debates in Psychology
- Eating behaviours

Course Assessment Pattern/ Structure

There will be an end of topic assessment after each topic. There are three final exams taken at the end of Year 13. Each paper is 2 hours and worth 96 marks each.

Exam Structure

A-Level:		Marks	Duration	Weighting
Paper 1	Introductory Topics In Psychology	96	2 hour	33.3 %
Paper 2	Psychology In Context	96	2 hours	33.3 %
Paper 3	Issues & Options In Psychology	96	2 hours	33.3 %

Higher/Further Education & Career Links

Students will have the opportunity to apply to Higher Education where psychology is acceptable and desirable for a range of degree courses, examples are law, teaching, psychology, history, nursing and medicine. Career opportunities include public service; human resources; law: police; medicine and social work. In fact any career that involves people!

<i>Business & Innovation</i>	<i>English</i>	<i>Expressive Arts & Languages</i>	<i>Humanities</i>	<i>Mathematics</i>	<i>PE</i>	<i>Science</i>
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