

What is Psychology A Level?

If you are interested in understanding how people think, feel and behave then Psychology A Level is the course for you! You will learn about different psychological approaches such as social, cognitive, developmental and biological psychology and you will explore these through exploring a range of topics. You will also study psychological research methods and analyse the results of experiments and data.

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

What content will I cover?

Paper	Topics	Weighting	When?
1: Introductory topics in Psychology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Social influence ✓ Memory ✓ Attachment ✓ Psychopathology 	33.3% of A-level	Year 13
2: Psychology in Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Approaches in Psychology ✓ Biopsychology ✓ Research methods 	33.3% of A-level	Year 13
3: Issues and options in Psychology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Issues and debates in Psychology Options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Relationships, ✓ Eating Behaviour ✓ Addiction 	33.3% of A-level	Year 13

How will I be assessed?

You will be assessed in 2 hour exams at the end of year 13. All sections include multiple choice, short answers and extended writing

What skills will I develop?

- ✓ A01: Knowledge and understanding of psychological ideas, processes, techniques and procedures
- ✓ A02: Application of this knowledge in theoretical contexts, practical contexts, when handling data
- ✓ A03: Analysis, interpretation and evaluation of ideas and evidence to make judgements

WHERE CAN PSYCHOLOGY A LEVEL TAKE ME?

This A Level is excellent preparation for a degree in Psychology, the sciences and social sciences. Psychology can also lead to a huge range of careers including Occupational, Clinical, Educational and Forensic Psychology as well as Medicine, Counselling, Teaching and Broadcasting and Advertising.

WHAT DO I NEED TO ACHIEVE?

You will need to meet the academic threshold for Sixth Form. We would also look for at least a '7' in English and Maths.

RECOMMENDED READING:

- The man who mistook his wife for a hat – Oliver Sacks
- Prozac Nation – Elizabeth Wurtzel
- One flew over the cuckoo's nest – K. Kesey
- Genie: a scientific tragedy – R. Rymer
- Obedience to authority - Stanley Milgram

HOW CAN I FIND OUT MORE?

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