

PSYCHOLOGY

A LEVEL

AQA

Entry Requirements	Grade 5 in Maths and English Grade 6 in Science is desirable
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Brief introduction to subject:

Psychology is the Science of mind and behaviour. Year 1 of the popular Psychology course provides a broad introduction to the subject and students find that they can apply their knowledge to everyday life. Psychology enables development of essay and research skills; practical activities are an integral part of the course. These skills are transferable and support other subject areas. Students learn to use critical analysis to argue a particular point of view with evidence. Year 2 of the course builds on the skills acquired in Year 1 to explore new topic areas in greater depth.

Progression to Career/ University Courses:

Though it is not essential for entry to a degree course, the majority of Psychology undergraduates have studied Psychology at A level. Following a British Psychological Society BPS accredited course of study there are a number of postgraduate qualifications that lead to Chartered status; among these are Clinical, Educational and Occupational Psychology. The BPS website is an invaluable source of information about careers in Psychology, www.bps.org.uk. In addition, it is a particularly useful subject for careers such as Medicine, Teaching, Personnel and any others that involve working closely with people.

Key Points:

Year 12: **Introductory topics in Psychology**

Psychology in Context

Year 13: **Issues and Options in Psychology**

There is no coursework component for this course but you are expected to complete research projects throughout the course.

Learning activities throughout the course are designed to build on your analytical skills whilst broadening your knowledge on the human mind.

Year 12	
<p><u>Paper 1</u></p> <p><u>Introductory topics in Psychology</u></p> <p>Attachment</p> <p>Memory</p> <p>Social Influence</p> <p>Psychopathology</p>	<p><u>Paper 2</u></p> <p><u>Psychology in Context</u></p> <p>Approaches in Psychology</p> <p>Biopsychology</p> <p>Research Methods</p>
<p><u>Assessment:</u> Examination: 2 Hours 33.3% of the whole A-Level</p> <p><u>Maximum Marks available:</u> 96 marks</p>	<p><u>Assessment:</u> Examination: 2 Hours 33.3% of the whole A-Level</p> <p><u>Maximum Marks available:</u> 96 marks</p>
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<p><u>Paper 3</u></p> <p><u>Issues and Options in Psychology</u></p> <p>Relationships</p> <p>Aggression</p> <p>Eating behaviour</p> <p>Issues and Debates in Psychology</p>	
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Teaching of the material is split as above, however this is a linear course therefore all three of the external examinations take place in the Summer term of Year 13.