



Year 9 Options 2021

GCSE Psychology



Year 9 Options | Welcome

Introduction: Psychology is a scientific study of the human mind and behaviour.

Who takes GCSE Psychology: Students who are interested in finding out how the human mind works (**causes of depression and addiction**), understanding social behaviour (**why some people obey orders from an authority figure, whilst others do not**), mental and cognitive processes (**such as memory and perception**) and human development (**development and function of the brain**).

Entry requirements:

- A good grasp of English is useful to meet the demands of essay writing.
- Willingness to read a range of sources to understand the different topics being studied
- Readiness to engage in independent study



Year 9 Options | Course content

The AQA GCSE Psychology programme is **examination based and you will be required to sit two exams at the end of Year 11.**

Paper 1: Cognition and behaviour (50% of GCSE grade)	Paper 2: Social Context and behaviour (50% of GCSE grade)
Topics that will be covered: 1. Memory 2. Perception 3. Development 4. Research Methods	Topics that will be covered: 5. Social Influence 6. Language, thought and communication 7. Brain and neuropsychology 8. Psychological Problems
Covered in Year 10	Covered in Year 11

Link to spec: <https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/psychology/gcse>

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100% Exam

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Each exam will cover FOUR topics each and will contain a mixture of questions (i.e. **multiple choice, short answer & extended writing**).

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Studying Psychology will:

- **develop your understanding** of human behaviour and provide you with specialist psychological knowledge on theories and key concepts.
- **strengthen your descriptive, analytical and evaluative skills** which are vital for the exam.
- **enhance your understanding** of different personalities and behaviour patterns
- **build on your communication** (written and verbal) **and interpersonal skills** which will be helpful for team work activities and prepare you for further and higher education.



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Further reading and research:

Twenty years ago, a virus destroyed **Clive Wearing's brain**. Now, all he can remember is music - and his wife. Here, Deborah Wearing tells Louise France how their enduring love has become the one constant in a marriage without memory. Read more:

<https://www.theguardian.com/books/2005/jan/23/biography.features3>

Can you trust your memory?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lkvOMt34hAo>

What is memory https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KXx_LXNjetU

Perception and sensation: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0SErqVGcAR0>

Brain development <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tp25wrm-AoA>

What is conformity <https://www.psychologytoday.com/gb/basics/conformity>

The language of body language

<https://www.psychologytoday.com/gb/blog/theory-knowledge/201302/the-language-bodylanguage>



Year 9 Options | Career options

Choices at A level / Level 3: Psychology, Sociology, Ethics, Mathematics, Biology, Business, Economics.

What have students gone on to do? After successfully completing their university studies, some of our students have gone onto becoming:

- a clinical psychologist
- a speech and language therapist
- an educational psychologist
- a teacher
- an occupational psychologist
- a forensic psychologist
- a sport psychologist
- an economist



Year 9 Options | Questions?

If you have any questions or want more information, please contact:

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