



# Year 9 Options

## GCSE Psychology

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# 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)
- Human development (development and function of the brain).

## Entry requirements:

- A good grasp of English is useful to meet the demands of essay writing.
- Good skills in Science and Maths to meet the demands of specific topics.
- Willingness to read a range of sources.
- Readiness to engage in independent study.

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# Year 9 Options | Course content

The AQA GCSE Psychology programme is **examination based**.

You will be required to sit **two exams** at the end of Year 11.

<b>Paper 1: Cognition and behaviour (50% of GCSE grade)</b>	<b>Paper 2: Social Context and behaviour (50% of GCSE grade)</b>
<b>Topics that will be covered:</b> 1. <b>Memory</b> 2. <b>Perception</b> 3. <b>Development</b> 4. <b>Research Methods</b>	<b>Topics that will be covered:</b> 5. <b>Social Influence</b> 6. <b>Language, thought and communication</b> 7. <b>Brain and neuropsychology</b> 8. <b>Psychological Problems</b>
<b>Covered in Year 10</b> Link to spec: <a href="https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/psychology/gcse">https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/psychology/gcse</a>	<b>Covered in Year 11</b>

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# Year 9 Options | Assessment

## 100% Exam

- ❑ The AQA GCSE Psychology programme is examination based and you will be required to sit two exams at the end of Year 11.
- ❑ Each exam will cover FOUR topics each.
- ❑ They will contain a mixture of questions such as **multiple choice, short answers, calculations & extended writing** questions.

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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 activities and prepare you for further and higher education.



# Year 9 Options | Activity

## 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 [here](#).

- ☐ Can you [trust](#) your memory?
- ☐ [What](#) is memory?
- ☐ [Perception and sensation](#)
- ☐ [Brain development](#)
- ☐ What is [conformity](#)?
- ☐ The [language](#) of body language

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# Year 9 Options | Career options

## Choices at A level / Level 3:

Psychology, Mathematics, Chemistry, Biology, Business, Economics, Sociology, Ethics, Health & Social Care.

## What have students gone on to do?

After successfully completing their university studies, some of our students have gone into:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Clinical psychology | <input type="checkbox"/> Medicine    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Economics           | <input type="checkbox"/> Nursing     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Radiologist         | <input type="checkbox"/> Art therapy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dentistry           | <input type="checkbox"/> Forensics   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Therapy             | <input type="checkbox"/> Education   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Law                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Business    |

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## Year 9 Options | Questions?

If you have any questions, please contact:

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