

Psychology is an increasingly popular A Level subject offering an opportunity to investigate the possible causes of particular human behaviours. This course considers different perspectives within Psychology, from the very objective, scientific elements to the more personal, subjective explanations. Key terminology, theories and methods are outlined and there is a practical element where students investigate psychological theories. Psychology does not always offer simple answers so students need to be able to think through their responses to different kinds of evidence.

COURSE CONTENT

Year 12

- Memory
- Social Influence
- Approaches
- Psychopathology
- Attachment
- Research Methods

Year 13

- Biopsychology
- Issues and Debates
- Forensic
- Schizophrenia
- Gender

ASSESSMENT

There are 3 exams taken at the end of Year 13, they are all 2 hours long and each worth 96 marks.

SUBJECT COMBINATIONS

Psychology works well with a wide range of other A level subjects due to including elements of Sociology, History, Geography, Maths, Politics within the course. Students taking BTECs in Business Studies or Health and Social Care often combine those courses successfully with Psychology.



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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Students need a minimum grade 5 in Maths, grade 5 in English Language and grade 5 in Biology, or 5-5 if Double Science

PROGRESSION

Many students go on to degrees in Psychology and then careers in mental health nursing, counselling, education, academia and social work. The wide range of skills covered on the course provide excellent preparation for courses in many other subjects too. The large emphasis on the implementation and analysis of research methods is excellent preparation for study at higher levels.

FUTURES

Students find the material on offender profiling, offender treatment programmes and eye-witness testimony gives good experience for police work and management.

All careers include application of Psychology to some extent, even if it's not immediately obvious! Any career that involves dealing with directly or indirectly people, benefits from an understanding of Psychology.

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