

Psychology



Exam Board	AQA
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Qualification	GCE AS/A Level
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Entry Requirements	Grade 6 in English Language, Maths and Sciences
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Content (Outline of Course)

On this course you will study a range of introductory topics in Psychology in Year 12 including learning about conformity, social norms, how the mind remembers and forgets, and how children form attachments. The first year of this course also covers Psychology in context where you learn about different approaches in Psychology and how to design and conduct research. In the second year of the A-level the study involves a deeper look at human behaviour, including Biopsychology, Research Methods and Issues and Debates in Psychology.

Assessment

AS-level is assessed through two papers:

Paper 1 – Introductory topics in Psychology, worth 50%, a 1 hour 30 minute paper.

Paper 2 - Psychology in Context, worth 50%, a 1 hour 30 minute paper.

A-level is assessed through three papers:

Paper 1 – Introductory topics in Psychology, worth 33.3%, a 2 hour paper.

Paper 2 – Psychology in Context, worth 33.3%, a 2 hour paper.

Paper 3 – Issues and Options in Psychology, worth 33.3%, a 2 hour paper.

Careers Guidance

Psychology develops a range of valuable skills, including critical analysis, independent thinking and research. These skills are particularly relevant to young people and are transferable to further study and the workplace. In developing these skills, Psychology will prepare students for a range of careers or university courses. Of course, the subject lends itself to further studies in psychology and social sciences but due to the transferable skills taught via the study of Psychology, it will also be useful for further studies in many other fields. Possible career choices A-level Psychology can offer include marketing, business development, forensic psychology, occupational therapy, clinical psychology, nursing and teaching.