

AQA AS & A LEVEL PSYCHOLOGY

The study of Psychology focuses on many different aspects of human behaviour. We investigate a number of fascinating topics, lots of which will be relevant to your own life. These include how we remember and forget, mental health topics like depression and obsessive compulsive disorder, attachment, relationships and lots more. There is a lot of opportunity for discussion and thinking critically. The course is taught in a dynamic and interesting way.

COURSE CONTENT

Year 12

- Memory.
- Attachment.
- Research Methods.
- Social Influences.
- Biopsychology.
- Psychopathology.
- Approaches.

Year 13

Year 12 content plus one from each of these option groups:

- Schizophrenia/Eating Behaviours/Stress.
- Aggression/Forensic Psychology/Addiction.
- Relationships/Gender/Cognition and Development.

And

- Issues and Debates in Psychology.
- Year 13 Research Methods.
- Year 13 Biopsychology.

ASSESSMENT

AS Level Psychology: 100% examination:

- Paper 1 - 50%.
- Paper 2 - 50%.

A Level Psychology: 100% examination:

- Paper 1 - 33.3%.
- Paper 2 - 33.3%.
- Paper 3 - 33.3%.

SUBJECT COMBINATIONS

Psychology draws upon a number of subject areas and includes essay writing (English), undertaking and analysing research (Maths and Science), as well as understanding how the brain works (Biology). It also fits in very well with BTEC Health and Social Care, BTEC Sport and A Level Sociology, Law, Business and Applied Criminology,



TRINITY
SIXTH FORM

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least 5 GCSEs at grade 5 and above including English, Maths and Science.

GCSE English at grade 6 is preferred, as is a GCSE APS of at least 4.5.

PROGRESSION

It is important to know psychology is regarded as a science subject by a lot of universities so if you are needing a science subject for a particular course, psychology may fulfil this requirement. Many students who have studied Psychology A Level progress to study the subject at university. Others progress to study related subjects such as Sports and Social Science.

FUTURES

An A Level in Psychology is suitable for many career paths including Psychology, Medicine, Nursing, Counselling, Sports Psychology/Science, Teaching, Business/Organisational Psychology, Law, Policing, Criminology, Forensics, Politics and Public Health. In other words, just about anything! In a time when mental health is so prominent and the labour market is growing so quickly, the understanding of psychology is increasingly important across many sectors.



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