

Name of Course	Psychology GCSE
Examination Board	AQA (8182)
<p>What is Psychology?</p> <p>Psychology is the scientific study of human thought and behaviour. In this subject we will develop theories about why people think and act the way they do. We will make predictions about how people will act in the future based on what we know now. We will ask whether it is our brains which make us who we are, or our upbringing, or our friendships.</p>	
<p>What skills will I learn?</p> <p>You will learn about modern theories relating to memory, perception and development. We look at different research methods for learning about this and how to analyse and evaluate research findings.</p> <p>All topics require students to explore and investigate a key question and consider why psychology matters. Students need to be able to adapt their research methods to consider different areas of study. The topics are all based on key debates in society today and include relevant and contemporary scientific research. The topics provide a platform to explore current debates such as nature/nurture, ethical issues and comparisons to see how psychology has developed over time and how it differs between various cultures.</p>	
<p>What will I do in Psychology?</p> <p>Paper 1: Cognition and behaviour</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Memory 2. Perception 3. Development 4. Research methods <p>Students will then apply their knowledge through research methods, methods of investigation, methods of control and ethical considerations.</p> <p>Paper 2: Social context and behaviour</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Social influence 2. Language, thought and communication 3. Brain and neuropsychology 4. Psychological problems <p>Students will then apply their knowledge through research methods, methods of investigation, methods of control and ethical considerations.</p>	
<p>How will I be assessed?</p> <p>The GCSE Psychology course is 100% exam assessed. The two papers (both 1hour 45minutes) ask students multiple choice, short answer and extended essay questions. You will develop your maths skills (especially being able to read graphs and understand what they show) and your writing skills.</p>	

Particular issues for this subject

If you choose this subject bear in mind that this is a challenging and complex subject which requires you to use your maths skills, and English writing skills while using scientific methods of investigation. **Students need a good grounding in English, Maths and Biology to succeed in this multi-disciplinary subject.** All topics require students to explore and investigate a key question and consider why psychology matters.

Useful Websites etc.

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

Resources

Textbooks and revision guides will be available to supplement the course.