



# Psychology A-Level

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Have you ever wondered why you forget some things as opposed to others? Have you ever thought about situations that make you aggressive and why they do this? Have you ever considered why you obey some people but not others? If the answer to all of these questions is yes, then studying Psychology may be for you.

Psychology is one of the most popular subjects at A Level and at degree level. Studying psychology develops a range of valuable skills, including critical analysis, independent thinking and gathering research. These skills are particularly relevant to young people and are transferable to further study and the workplace.

## Entry requirements:

PH6 standard entry requirements of five+ GCSEs (or equivalent) grades 9-6

Grade 6+ in an essay-based GCSE (e.g., History, English) and due to the content of the course, a grade 5+ in GCSE Maths.

## Student attributes:

- A willingness to work hard and put effort into this challenging yet fascinating subject.
- A willingness to engage in discussion and contribute to class debates as well as learn from others.
- An ability to work independently and research new topics.
- An ability to present a reasoned and balanced argument both verbally and in writing.
- An ability to interpret and present data: We recommend studying Level 3 Core Maths alongside Psychology.

## Course Content & Assessment:

**A-Level Psychology is a linear subject: all assessment is through written exams at the end of Year 13**

Paper 1: Social Influence, Memory, Attachment and Psychopathology

2 hours, 33% of A-level

Paper 2: Approaches, Bio-Psychology and Research Methods

2 hours, 33% of A-level

Paper 3: Issues and Debates, Relationships, Schizophrenia and Forensic Psychology

2 hours, 33% of A-level

## Future Destinations:

Psychology complements many other A-levels such as the Sciences or Humanities and Social Sciences. Many students progress to study Psychology at university. Many students go into jobs relating to all aspects of Psychology such as Counselling or Forensic Psychology. Psychologists also have successful careers in areas such as Business and Sport. Recent university destinations for PH6 Psychology students include: Bristol, Bath and Warwick.

*"I really enjoy studying Psychology. It has given me an insight into the human mind, and why we behave as we do. The teaching is excellent and the lessons fascinating and relevant to real life; I can observe others around me, and have an understanding of why they may be behaving the way they are."*  
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