



### Entry Requirements:

Five level 9–5 grades at GCSE.

Grade 9–6 is required in an essay based GCSE (e.g. History, English).

### A-level Course Summary:

#### Paper 1:

Written exam: 2 hours  
96 marks in total  
33% of A-level

#### Paper 2:

Written exam: 2 hours  
96 marks in total  
33% of A-level

#### Paper 3:

Written exam: 2 hours  
96 marks in total  
33% of A-level

# Psychology

Exam Board: AQA

**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 thought about 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 a popular subject which is attractive to students because it 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.

### What can the qualification lead to?

This course compliments many other A-levels such as one of the Sciences or one of the Humanities to prepare for Higher Education in Psychology or more general Higher Education courses. With further training, many students go into jobs relating to all aspects of Psychology such as Counselling or Forensic Psychology. Psychology also complements many other areas such as Business and Sport.

#### Paper 1:

- Social influence
- Memory
- Attachment
- Psychopathology

Structured compulsory questions based on the above topic content. Questions include multiple choice, short answer and extended writing.

#### Paper 2:

- Approaches in Psychology
- Biopsychology – including the nervous system
- Research methods – including statistics

Structured compulsory questions based on the above topic content. Questions include multiple choice, short answer and extended writing.

#### Paper 3:

- Issues & Debates in Psychology
- Relationships – formation, maintenance and breakdown
- Schizophrenia – diagnosis and therapies
- Addiction – including gambling and smoking

Structured compulsory questions based on the above topic content. Questions include multiple choice, short answer and extended writing.



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**“I really enjoy Psychology as it has given me an insight into the human mind, and why we behave as we do. Each lesson is filled with so much information that is very valuable to me in day to day life as I can observe others, and have a somewhat understanding of why they are behaving the way they are...”**

**“Since starting my A-Level Psychology studies, I have had a huge fascination into the study of the human mind and its functions. The overwhelming support I have received from the teachers has greatly contributed to my success within the subject.”**

**“A-Level Psychology has provided a great insight into a broad range of useful and fascinating topics. The content of the lessons is always interesting and varied – as well as often being applicable to situations in the world around us.”**

