

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.

Course overview:

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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Assessment:

Paper 1:

Written exam: 2 hours

96 marks in total

33% of A-level

Paper 2:

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Paper 3:

Written exam: 2 hours

96 marks in total 33% of A-level

Entry requirements:

Five level 9–5 grades at GCSE. Grade 9–6 is required in an essay based GCSE (e.g. History, English).

Other Course Information

- All the required reading can be found in the school library but if students wish to purchase core books then that is encouraged
- All students will be given a reading list when they enrol on the course.

Who is the course for?

- Students with a willingness to work hard and put effort into this challenging yet rewarding subject.
- A willingness to engage in political 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.

Career pathways

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.

"I really enjoy Psychology as it has given me 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..."



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