

A Level Physics



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**

Paper 2:

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

Paper 3:

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

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Entry requirements:

You do not need to have studied Psychology at GCSE. Grade 6+ in an essay-based subject such as History or English is preferred. Grade 5+ in GCSE Mathematics is necessary, as there are significant mathematical elements in the A Level Psychology course. We ask students to study Core Maths as a fourth subject to help with their maths skills for Psychology.

Assessment:

Paper 1:

Written exam: 2 hours

96 marks in total

33% of A-level

Paper 2:

Written exam: 2 hours

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Paper 3:

Written exam: 2 hours

96 marks in total 33% of A-level

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 discussion and contribute to class debates as well as learn from others.
- 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 the Sciences, Social Sciences or Humanities. With a Psychology degree, 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..."